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MISSING BRITISH AIRMAN.

REVEALED AS FORMER HONGKONG BOY.

SON OF LATE MAJOR DONALD MACDONALD.

CRASH RECALLED.

Information which reaches us today leaves no room for doubt that Lieut. Comdr. Henry C. Macdonald, D.S.C., the British airman who is missing on his attempted flight across the Atlantic, is a Hongkong boy, being the son of the late Major Donald Macdonald, of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps, head of the former firm of Macdonald and Co., marine surveyors and engineers, and a past President of the Hongkong S. Andrew's Society.

His mother, it will be recalled, passed away in Kowloon in February last, and it is interesting to recall, in connection with her lengthy illness, that when it reached a critical stage, her son, Lieut. Comdr. Henry Macdonald, the missing flier, started out from England with the intention of flying to Hongkong in order to be with her when the end came.

Held by Arabs.

However, he had the misfortune to crash near Bigdad, on his way here, and was compelled to return to England. In the meantime, his mother had passed away.

It was on this flight that he made a forced descent in the Syrian Desert and had the unique experience of a collision between a motor-car and a plane. After repairs had been effected, he set out on the return flight, but met with further mishap.

His machine was forced to land among Arabs, and he was taken prisoner by them and held until he managed to smuggle news of his plight to an Italian armoured-car depot.

Identity Established.

The circumstances which make it clear that the missing airman was a son of late Major and Mrs. Macdonald are that his name was Henry (being known in Hongkong as "Harry"), and that he married a daughter of the late Mr. Sam Darling, a well-known racehorse trainer. A Reuter's telegram received over the week-end refers to the missing flier's wife as a sister of two famous trainers, S. H. Darling and Fred Darling, who, of course, are sons of the late Sam Darling.

There can therefore be no room for doubting that Lieut. Comdr. Macdonald is a son of the late Major and Mrs. Macdonald. Born in Hongkong, he spent his early years in the Colony, and subsequently entered the Navy at Home.

Naval Service.

Lieut. Comdr. Henry C. Macdonald resigned from the Navy in August, 1925, and figures at present on the Emergency List of the Royal Navy. He entered as a cadet at Osborne in September, 1909, from Dulwich College, and went to sea as midshipman of the cruiser Hampshire in May, 1914. From March, 1915, he served in the new battleship Warspite, which was in the thick of the fighting at Jutland, especially when her steering gear jammed. In November, 1916, he was promoted to sub-lieutenant, and appointed to submarines, in which he served during the remainder of the War, being promoted Lieutenant from May, 1918. The D.S.C. was conferred on him in January, 1920, at which time he had returned to general service in the battleship Resolution. In October, 1922, he was selected for training in coastal motor-boats, and afterwards had command of one of these craft at Gosport, until the base there closed down on the ground of economy in the summer of 1925.

An intrepid airman, Lieut. Comdr. Macdonald started out on a solo flight across the Atlantic on the evening of Wednesday last, using a small Moth machine. No definite news has been heard of him since, and it is feared that he has lost his life.

SOCIETY LADIES IN FLYING SMASH.

BOTH SERIOUSLY HURT IN WRECK ON GOLF LINKS.

COMPOUND FRACTURE.

London, Oct. 21. The Hon. Mildred Katherine Leith, the half-sister of Lord Bury, and Miss Cecil O'Brien, the eldest daughter of Sir Timothy Carew, O'Brien, the well-known former "Middlesex" cricketer and Oxford Blue, were seriously injured in a flying accident yesterday.

Miss O'Brien is a keen pilot and she was up in a De Havilland Moth over the Mill Hill golf links yesterday, with Miss Leith as a passenger, when the machine crashed out of control.

An exhibition golf match between Cyril Tolley and Roger Wetherhead, the famous amateurs, and "Abe" Mitchell and Whitcombe, held to celebrate the opening of the course, was in progress at the time of the smash.

Ready assistance was forthcoming from the large crowd of spectators. When the occupants were extricated from the wreckage it was revealed that Miss O'Brien was suffering from a compound fracture of the leg and other injuries, while Miss Leith was cut about the face and hands.

Both ladies were hurried to hospital, and later it was found necessary to amputate one of Miss O'Brien's legs above the knee.—*British Wireless.*

AMERICA'S NAVAL AMBITIONS.

WANTS FLEET EQUAL TO ANY OTHER.

Washington, Oct. 21. Saturday next is "Navy Day" in the United States and in connection therewith Mr. Wilbur, Secretary for the Navy, has issued a strong appeal "for the maintenance of an adequate Navy, equal to that of any other Power."

Mr. Wilbur adds: "We are the largest importers in the world, and the second largest exporters. Our ocean-going and coastwise trades are incomparably greater than anybody's. There is scarcely one American who would not be seriously embarrassed financially if our sea transportation were interrupted by a hostile fleet."—*Reuter's American Service.*

\$500,000 GIFT FOR SCHOLARSHIPS.

AN AMERICAN'S SPLENDID SCHEME.

New York, Oct. 21. A trust fund of \$500,000, to permit foreigners to study international law at Harvard University, has been established by Mr. Chester de Witt Fugley.

It provides for sixty scholarships, one for each nation of the world and the British Dominions, along the lines of the Rhodes Scholarships.

The beneficiaries will be appointed by their Foreign Ministers and in the British Dominions by the Prime Ministers.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GREYHOUND RACING FIASCO.

BERLIN VENTURE'S ERRORS OF OMISSION.

Berlin, Oct. 21. Greyhound racing which started on two tracks in Berlin in the Spring have been a complete failure, chiefly owing to the failure of the organisers to obtain a concession to put totalisators on the courses.

The result was, of course, that the public was unable to bet, and the races lacked interest after the initial thrill had been exhausted.

The company which started the dog-racing has now ceased to operate, and its 120 valuable greyhounds which were imported from England have been given away to farmers.—*Reuter.*

TENNIS RULERS IN REVOLT.

FRENCH L. T. A. ACTION AGAINST TAX.

TO CANCEL A WHOLE YEAR'S TOURNAMENT.

NO HALF MEASURES.

Paris, Oct. 21. Though it is considered that there is plenty of time for matters to be arranged before the Davis Cup contest begins again, it is predicted that French lawn tennis will suffer a serious set-back as the result of the action of the Treasury in deciding that tennis, with other sporting spectacles, comes within the scope of the Entertainment Tax.

This decision was made in spite of the most strenuous opposition from sporting interests, but legal actions taken by the leading Paris lawn tennis clubs have failed, the decision of the Treasury being upheld. This means that a heavy tax will be levied on any international tournaments held.

Not Even Inter-Club Matches.

The French Lawn Tennis Federation is indignant and all the big winter tournaments are doomed to disappear from their annual programme. It has not only prohibited all inter-club tournaments, but has decided if necessary to relinquish the right to hold the Davis Cup final in France, and will seek a venue abroad, probably in Brussels.

A different interpretation of the law in the interim would of course enable the staging of the final round in France, and that all hope has not been abandoned is made evident by the fact that the wooden stands at the Stad Roland Garros are being replaced by a cement erection.

Ready to Cancel All.

The French Lawn Tennis Federation this afternoon issued a communique setting out the attitude it is adopting in protest against the disputed tax.

The statement says that all open tennis tournaments arranged in France for the winter season 1928-29 will be cancelled.

The covered court championship of France will alone be played, but the public will not be admitted to the games unless the present situation is considerably modified by March 1st, 1929.

Appeal Abroad.

Unless the Federation's demands are met by that date all the tournaments for the Spring, Summer and Autumn will also be cancelled.

Steps will be taken to approach foreign nations with a view to the Davis Cup final rounds, at present to be played in France, being played in one of their countries.—*Reuter.*

CABIN BOY FINED \$15,000.

NINE MONTHS ALTERNATIVE FOR OPIUM SMUGGLER.

A Chinese employed as a cabin boy to the Chief Officer of the Taiming, was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell at the Central Police Court to-day, with the possession of 200 taels for Wuchow opium.

Mr. W. D. Owen, appearing for the defendant, asked for leniency as it was the man's first offence.

His Worship after being told how in the capacity in which he was employed, the defendant had been able to conceal the opium in a locker in the Chief Officer's cabin, observed that it was hardly a case for leniency. It sounded more like a case of deliberate smuggling of a valuable consignment of opium.

Mr. Lindsell: Somebody gave him away, I suppose?

A Revenue Officer: Yes, on information, your Worship.

A fine of \$15,000, or nine months' hard labour, was inflicted.

THE KWANGSE STILL AGROUND.

H.M.S. BRUCE AND THE LINAN STANDING BY.

TAIKOO TUG LEAVES.

The s.s. Kwangse, of the China Navigation Company, which went ashore during the week-end off Ping Rock, between Amoy and Foochow, is understood to be still fast on the rocks.

The first intimation of the stranding was received by wireless in Hongkong yesterday morning, the position of the ship being given as Lat. 25.10.30 N. and Long. 119.17.30 E.

Later messages showed that No. 1 hold was flooded to three feet, but that the vessel was safe and would probably come off at next high water. In response to a request for assistance, the destroyer flotilla leader H.M.S. Bruce went to the position indicated and the s.s. Chenan, of the China Navigation Co., also changed her course to stand by the Kwangse.

The Chenan has now left and the s.s. Linan, another China Navigation Company steamer, is standing by.

TEST CRICKETER'S MISHAP.

Geary Gets Nose Broken by Rising Ball.

END-OF-MATCH INCIDENT.

London, Oct. 21. In the very first of the matches to be played by the M.C.C. team in Australia, misfortune has befallen Geary, the English bowler.

The match was between the M.C.C. and West Australia, and in its closing minutes Geary was struck by a rising ball from Halcumb, which broke his nose.

It is expected, however, that Geary will be able to take his place in the Test matches.—*British Wireless.*

by the Kwangse, together with H.M.S. Bruce.

It is understood that a Tarkoo tug is also leaving for the spot to-day, but at the moment there is no indication of how long it will be before the Kwangse is likely to be refloated.

FOOLISH PRACTICAL JOKE.

TAIKOO DOCK WORKER SERIOUSLY BURNED.

Sad results recently attended a practical joke played by a dock hand at the Tarkoo Dockyard on one of his fellow-workers. The victim of the joke has been in hospital for the past five weeks, his condition being still very grave, whilst the joker has been in police custody ever since.

After many remands, the authorities at the hospital consented to allow the victim to appear in Court to give evidence, and the youth was brought before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning when he stated that he and defendant were quite friendly and that there was no ill-feeling between them. They both worked at the dock and sometimes slept in the street together.

One night, the complainant was awakened by something burning on his legs. He found later that it was some lighted joss-sticks which he thinks the defendant must have placed there. A few days later, he retaliated by playing the same joke on the defendant. This form of practical joke went on several times, the youths victimising each other in turn.

On September 14, the complainant woke up to find that something burning had been tied to his leg. He tried to shake it off, but without success. He noticed the defendant near him when he awoke, and from that he surmised that defendant must have been responsible. As a result of injuries he had been in hospital ever since.

After hearing the evidence, his Worship remanded the defendant for another week, remarking that he could not deal with the defendant until the doctor had pronounced the complainant out of danger.

SWATOW BUREAU DEFIANT.

REFUSAL TO OBEY NANKING.

EXPORT TRADE IS AGAIN HELD UP.

WAITING ON PEKING!

Swatow, Oct. 20. Alarming developments have arisen here as a result of the Government settlement of the dispute between the merchants and the Surtax Bureau.

It will be remembered that the Government orders were that the Bureau was to be carried on along the lines laid down when it was first instituted, and that the merchants who had been on strike were to restart exporting goods at once.

The merchants fulfilled their side of the bargain, but the Surtax Bureau is behaving in a very high-handed manner about the whole affair. It flatly refuses to take orders from the Nanking Government, or to go back and carry on in the way laid down when the Bureau was first started, whilst it also refuses to accept the Customs valuation of goods.

Will Obey Peking.

In fact, the Bureau insist that goods shall pass through its hands and be examined before even going through the Maritime Customs. The explanation offered for refusing to obey Government orders is so paltry as to be an insult in itself. It is that the Bureau was instituted by the Peking Government, and that it will therefore await orders from Peking as to changes in its administration. The Bureau even hints that as there is now no Government in Peking, it expects to wait a fairly long time before receiving these orders.

The merchants are naturally up in arms again, and a meeting was held by the Swatow Chamber of Commerce on Thursday to consider the situation. Representations have again been sent to Nanking asking for more drastic action.

Meantime, all exports are again held up. It will be interesting to see what attitude the new Government will take up towards these developments, which amount to nothing short of open insurrection on the part of the Surtax Bureau.

Yet Another Tax.

As if to add insult to injury, a new tax has been instituted here this week, called the "Parcel Post Tax." This impost is of 2 1/2 per cent. on all parcels received here through the post. If not actually under the control of the Surtax Bureau, this new tax is fairly closely related to it, for the tax is dependent on the Surtax Bureau's extent—that is, if the Surtax Bureau charge on an article coming by post, then the Parcel Post Tax Bureau also charges—and if the goods are exempt from surtax, they are also exempt from the Parcel Post Tax.

Parcels coming by post to Swatow are now liable to 5 per cent. Customs duty, 2 1/2 per cent. surtax, and 2 1/2 per cent. parcel post tax—making a total of 10 per cent. Actually, they come to about 15 per cent. for foreigners, and possibly even much more to Chinese.

A Costly Coat.

A member of the English community here received a Burberry coat from Home this week, valued at \$30, and had to pay \$12 in taxes on its arrival—a 15 per cent. tax. Where the extra 5 per cent. was put on cannot be said, but this incident serves as an illustration of the extremely unsatisfactory state of affairs here with regard to tax administration.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

P.W.D. OFFICIAL ROBBED.

CONCERTINA AMONG THE LOSSES.

Thieves broke into the residence of Mr. C. J. Techi, an official of the Public Works Department at Pokfulam Road during his absence yesterday, and stole from his bedroom a concertina, a telescope and money and jewellery to the value of \$94.

Entry was effected by forcing a window, the panes of which were broken.

GERMAN POLITICAL TENSION.

NOTED EXTREMIST TO LEAD PEOPLE'S PARTY.

FASCIST MOVEMENT.

Berlin, Oct. 21. German political extremists scored a far-reaching triumph yesterday when Herr Hugenberg, the owner of the newspaper *Volksbeobachter*, was elected as Chairman of the National People's Party in succession to Count Westarp.

The result of the election is bound to cause greatly increased tension of Germany's internal political situation, owing to the new Chairman's vigorous opposition to the present regime.

Herr Hugenberg, who is the man behind the "Steel Helmet" organisation, may be regarded as the leader of the Fascist movement in Germany. He is a bitter opponent of the Republic and the policy of seeking an understanding with France. He has also attacked strongly the Locarno Pact and the Versailles Treaty.

It remains, however, to be seen whether the 5,000,000 Germans, who voted for the National People's Party during the last Reichstag elections will be prepared to back up Herr Hugenberg in his extremist policy.

Meanwhile, it is announced that the ex-Chancellor, Dr. Marx intends to resign the chairmanship of the Centre Party in December for reasons of ill-health.—*Reuter.*

AUSTRALIAN DOCK STRIKE OVER.

VOLUNTEERS TO BE KEPT ON IN SOME CENTRES.

Melbourne, Oct. 21. It is stated that fifteen hundred Port Phillip stevedores have applied for licences.

The ship-owners have arranged to employ volunteers at Port Melbourne and Victoria Dock, but elsewhere vessels will be handled by members of the Trade Union, thus avoiding possible difficulties if volunteers and Unionists begin working together.—*Reuter.*

FIRST TIME SINCE THE WAR.

GERMAN FOOTBALL TEAM IN ENGLAND.

London, Oct. 21. For the first time since the War, a German football team played in London yesterday and won.

The match took place at Wimbledon between a team representing the Berlin Football Association and an eleven chosen from clubs in the Isthmian League.

The Germans played an admirable game and won by four goals to one.—*British Wireless.*

PUZZLE FOR U.S. COURT.

POSITION OF ADOPTED CHINESE BOY.

Washington, Oct. 15. The United States Supreme Court to-day refused to decide the question of whether a Chinese boy adopted by an American citizen of American descent was entitled to enter the country.

According to the present interpretation of the law, the boy is not entitled to enter.

KOWLOON MURDER.

GRIM DISCOVERY NEAR HOSPITAL.

Criminal Investigation Department officials are working on a murder case which has been brought to light by the discovery of the dead body of an unknown Chinese at Kowloon City.

The body was found yesterday morning in a field off Argyle Street with multiple injuries which suggested that the man had been done to death with a blunt weapon.

The spot where the man finally fell is near the entrance to the Kowloon Hospital.

NANKING SEEKING LOAN IN U.S.

NEW YORK & RECENT INVITATIONS.

HENRY FORD WILL ACCEPT AS HON. ADVISER.

SHANGHAI DISQUIET.

Shanghai, Oct. 22. Although, to all appearances, everything in the Nationalist garden is rosy, and the Kuomintang leaders are steadily organising the means of putting China's house in order, certain quarters compare the present quiescence with the lull before the storm.

It is feared that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek in his capacity as President of the National Government may become a Chinese Kerensky, due to the surreptitious intrigues in Shanghai and Nanking.

The Chinese authorities are strengthening the precautions against Communists, and in the big campaign which is being carried out, a large quantity of inflammatory pamphlets have been discovered in the possession of labourers and coolies.

Bolshevist Activity.

The police in the last two or three days have been engaged in a rigorous search in schools and colleges in the vicinity of Woon-sung.

In the meantime several lightning strikes have occurred in the cotton mills and the silk factories.

It is quite evident that the working classes are becoming increasingly restless at the investigation of Russian agents working in underground channels.

Another postal strike is threatened, but the leading officials are maintaining their vigilance.—*Our Own Correspondent.*

The Kerensky Parable.

It will be recalled that M. Kerensky was the greatest power in Russia during the fatal days of 1917. Though a strong progressive, he had no time for the extremism of the Bolsheviks, and endeavoured to gain the confidence of the country by his powers of oratory. Kerensky assumed the Dictatorship of the Russian Republic in 1917, but he was swept away by the Bolshevik coup d'etat in October of that year.

Meanwhile, the Nationalist leaders in Nanking are authorising the Americanisation of China, or at least, are appointing American men to assist them in the reconstruction of the country.

New York's Interpretation.

A Reuter message from New York received this morning predicts that in response to the Chinese request, Mr. Henry Ford is likely to enter the field of international finance.

It will be recalled that Mr. Henry Ford, Mr. Owen Young of Dawes Plan fame, Mr. R. M. Harper, banker, Professor Seligmann, of Columbia University, and Professor Jeremiah Jenks, of New York University, have been invited to become "honorary economic advisers" to assist the National Government.

Mr. Ford, the only one of these five prominent American financiers and economists officially invited to advise on the Nanking reconstruction schemes, to be interviewed, says he has not yet received the invitation, but he will accept "if it appears all right."

These invitations, says Reuter, coupled with the appointment of American engineers by the Nationalists (as reported in the *Telegraph* on Friday) are believed in Wall Street to indicate that Nanking will shortly seek a loan in the American market.

Japan Withdraws Troops.

Tientsin, Oct. 21. Three battalions of Japanese troops have been withdrawn on instructions from Tokyo. It is learned that the British troops at Tientsin will be withdrawn shortly.—*Nam Chung Pao.*

New Appointments.

Shanghai, Oct. 21. Owing to his important appointment in the National Government General Ho Ying-ching, the chief

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SEAMEN'S UNION.

INAUGURATION BANQUET AT WEST POINT.

Over a hundred guests of British, Chinese and other nationalities, including many prominent members of the community, attended on Saturday night at a banquet at the Kam Ling restaurant, West Point, to celebrate the inauguration of the Chinese Seamen's Associated Union.

Both the entrance and the great hall were beautifully covered with floral decorations and throughout the evening the Lyric orchestra played musical selections.

The Chairman of the Union, Mr. Leung Yuen-wo, presided at the gathering and delivered a speech in Chinese, which was interpreted into English by Mr. Lam Shiu-pang. He said:

Gentlemen, on this happy occasion of the inauguration of our Chinese Seamen's Associated Union, it is indeed our great honour and pleasure to have with us, at our dinner, guests and friends, and to find that with tolerance for the inadequacy of our preparations and the simplicity of our entertainment they have gathered in such genial comradely and fraternal spirit. For this courtesy and magnanimity I have to express the hearty thanks of all members of the Union.

Official Support.

"The success of the formation of the Union and the expansion of its activities are due to two contributory forces. In Hongkong, namely, the direction and encouragement of the Hongkong Government and the inspiration and guidance of the official, educational, commercial and industrial communities of the Colony. The sympathetic attitude of the Hongkong Government has infused into us the inspiration of enthusiasm and vigor and also a sense of responsibility which encourages us to exert our utmost to achieve our object in order that we may be worthy of the high opinion that Government entertains regarding us. Likewise the support of the public has placed us under the obligation of being assiduous and cautious in the execution of our duty in order that we may come up to the high expectations of the different communities.

"To all and for all, our hearty thanks.

"Speaking for myself and fully conscious of my incompetency in undertaking the organization of an institution of such magnitude, which carries with it so weighty a responsibility, I wish to be eloquent to voice the sentiments of our fellow seamen, but my power of speech fails me. I wish to be eloquent in the administration of the Union, but my faculty of thought limits me. With the realization of these limitations, I have more than once expressed a desire to resign in favour of some more worthy and brilliant member of the Union. But our fellow members remonstrated with me that it was hardly right for the head official to resign to secluded life at a time when the Union is in its infant stage and has not built a rocky foundation against the storm and whirlwind of Society. Hence my present position here.

Great Faith.

"However, with Providential grace and help I have great faith that our work will be crowned with success. It will undoubtedly grow in complexity and magnitude as we proceed. The effort that I am able to make to shoulder this responsibility is analogous to the effort of the grasshopper in the Chinese proverb, to stop of his legs over the rail, or to that of a mosquito to fill up the ocean by trying to carry the mountain on its back.

"Before I conclude, I think it appropriate to declare on this occasion the two main objects of the Union.

"Firstly, we are to consolidate the diverse mass of the Chinese Seamen, purging it of all undesirable elements, especially those with Communistic leanings.

"Secondly, we are to work for improved and amicable relations between employers and employees, that is, between the Shipping Companies and the Chinese seamen working on their vessels.

"I am sure all of you gentlemen agree with me that these are objects that are worthy of our best attention and your heartiest support and I am confident that our future will be a bright and successful one.

"Once more, gentlemen, I thank you for the honour of your presence this evening."

Other Speeches.

Captain A. W. Davison, of the Canadian Pacific S.S. Company, paid

CORRESPONDENCE.

PROFESSOR J. NIND SMITH.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—There appears this morning a statement which purports to have been made by Dr. Wang Chang-hui to a representative of the Central News (Chinese) about Mr. John Nind Smith. Dr. Wang is reported to have said:

"I had no knowledge of Mr. Nind Smith further than that he is a Professor in Hongkong University, and that at the time of the strike in Hongkong he was reported to have said that the Nationalist Government would not be allowed to interfere in Hongkong. On account of this he found it necessary to leave China, etc."

Mr. J. N. Smith came to Hongkong in September, 1924, as the University's Professor of Education. He resigned on the 18th February, 1926. The University Council at a special meeting held on the same day accepted his resignation and shortly afterwards he left the Colony. Whether Mr. Smith ever said that the Nationalist Government would not be allowed to interfere in matters relating to Hongkong, I cannot say. But this statement, if it were ever made, had no bearing whatsoever either on Mr. Smith's resignation of his post in this University or on his subsequent departure from Hongkong.—Yours, etc.

Vice-Chancellor,
University of Hongkong.

a tribute to the work of Mr. Leung Yuen-wo, stating that the latter had opened, many years ago, a home for Chinese seamen in Yau-mai and was the sponsor of two Chinese free schools, principally for the benefit of the sons and daughters of Chinese seamen. The speaker also commented on the kind-hearted and honest nature of Mr. Leung, for, as a leader of Chinese seamen, he displayed an untiring wish to assist those of the seafarers who were out of work or in need.

Captain Davison next referred to the Chairman's great interest in the hospital work of the Colony, especially in the Kwong Wah Hospital, of which he is one of the executive directors.

Mr. F. W. James, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, and Mr. C. de Bruyn, of the Java-China-Japan Line, also delivered short speeches voicing the guests' thanks for the excellent entertainment.

Mr. James stated that with this new Chinese Union under the chairmanship of a man like Mr. Leung, who aimed at the dispersal of all Communistic elements, there was no reason why the Union should not work in harmony with the shipping owners, for after all, the interests of the latter were also those of the seamen themselves.

Mr. de Bruyn, who spoke in similar terms, stressed the need of co-operation between employers and employees of the shipping business, which was bound to secure profit for both parties.

Mr. K. C. Leung, Secretary of the Chinese Seamen's Associated Union, was the next speaker and he emphasized the great necessity of co-operation and sympathy from all communities, particularly the foreign shipping owners. He cited the ruin of the former Chinese Seamen's Union, which had failed in this very aspect.

Mr. Yau Lit, the well known Chinese scholar, also spoke, saying that in the history of the Colony there had not been an occasion when so large a number of employers and employees had met in such a joyous manner.

Mr. Yau spoke at some length on Confucianism and declared that the Chairman had for many years been an ardent follower of the teachings of the sage.

Some of the Guests.

Among those present were the following: The Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow and the Hon. Dr. H. H. Kowall, C.M.G.,

OBITUARY.

MRS. R. SPENCELAYH.

Keen sympathy is extended to Mr. Ralph Spence Layh, Chief Engineer of the Admiralty tug, St. Brock, upon the sudden death of his wife. Mr. Spence Layh was at Weihaiwei with his ship when he was advised by cable that his wife had to undergo a serious operation. He immediately took steamer down, arriving in time, but the operation proved too much for Mrs. Spence Layh, and though she bore the ordeal very pluckily she died at 3 a.m. yesterday, at Matilda Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Spence Layh came out here in January 1927, from Chatham district, and made many friends. Mrs. Spence Layh was closely associated with St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, was well liked and will be greatly missed. She leaves to her husband's care two little daughters.

The funeral took place at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, interment being at Happy Valley. Rev. W. W. Rogers, of St. Andrew's, officiated, and with him was Rev. G. H. Hewitt, Naval Chaplain. The chief mourners were the bereaved husband, Mr. and Mrs. G. Clark and Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Jeffreys. Among those present were—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Hunt, Mr. P. Sands, Surg. Lieut. Commr. Hunt, R.N., Mr. and Mrs. C. Boryer, Mr. and Mrs. R. Baldwin, Mr. E. R. Atkinson, Mrs. Bundock, Miss Bragg, Miss Sawyer, D.G.S., Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Jones and others.

A profusion of floral tributes covered the coffin, including those from Kusunoki, Marjorie and Geoff, Mum and Ethel, Mother (Mrs. Spence Layh) and Norah, Dab, and John, Vera and Shirli, Olive and Jeff, Mothers Union, St. Andrew's Branch, Vestry, St. Andrew's; Colleagues in R.N. Yard craft, friends in Kowloon R.N. Yard police, Dockyard Ladies' Club, Class VI, Diocesan Girls' School, H. M. Tug St. Brock, Mr. W. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Hamblin and many others.

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CHINA AND JAPAN.

EARLY SETTLEMENT EXPECTED.

Nanking, Oct. 20. Important understandings were reached yesterday after a 12-hour conference between Dr. C. T. Wang and Mr. S. Yada, which was only interrupted for meals.

The Tsinan and Nanking incidents, tariff revision and the revision of the Chinese-Japanese treaties were discussed, but the Manchuria question and the unsecured loans were not touched upon.

Dr. C. T. Wang states the conversations were satisfactory to both sides. Opinions were freely discussed, and the conference is resuming this afternoon.—Reuter.

Extremely Favourable.

Although the conversations between Mr. S. Yada and Dr. C. T. Wang have not yet reached a point enabling official negotiations to be commenced on concrete details, well-informed quarters intimate that they have been extremely favourable.

It is even hinted that a basis of settlement of the Hankow and Nanking incidents, as between China and Japan, has been virtually reached; though not much hope is held out in regard to a solution, in the near future, of the question of treaty abrogation and the Tsinan affair.

Regarding the treaties, the attitude of Nanking has not yet been made clear; while a settlement of the Tsinan affair is considered difficult unless Marshal Chiang Kai-shek and Peng Yu-hsiang can reach an understanding as to their spheres of influence in Shantung.—Reuter.

Settlement Expected.

Nanking, Oct. 21. The Wang-Yada conversations were resumed this afternoon. It is learned reliably that rapid strikes were made towards an early settlement for the major issues, particularly of the Nanking and Tsinan incidents.

The subjects of tariff autonomy and treaty revision were also considered at some length and although no official statement is forthcoming it is believed the conference expects to dispose of these questions without undue difficulty.

A Chinese official speaking to Reuter's correspondent, said that, speaking generally, a most friendly atmosphere exists, and the meeting is expected to be entirely successful. Chinese official circles consider the attitude of the Japanese representatives as thoroughly reasonable, and indicative of a sincere desire for a speedy settlement of questions which have proved thorny ones in Tokyo and Nanking during the last eighteen months.

It is understood that some difference arose in connexion with the settlement of the Nanking incident, but it is generally stated that when the conversations are resumed on Monday, all differences will be easily and quickly cleared up.

Manchuria, and the Chinese and Japanese interests in that area, were not discussed this afternoon, according to an official announcement, and thus far there is no indication whether the subject will be dealt with at this time.—Reuter.

Attempted Outrage.

Nanking, Oct. 21. Great excitement was caused in the neighbourhood of Dr. Wang's residence this evening, when the electric lights went off and candles were placed on the conference table.

Suddenly several pistol shots rang out in the darkness, and soldiers quickly formed a cordon round the residence and searched the area for the perpetrators of the outrage without success.

Later Dr. Wang gave a banquet to members of the conference and their wives.—Reuter.

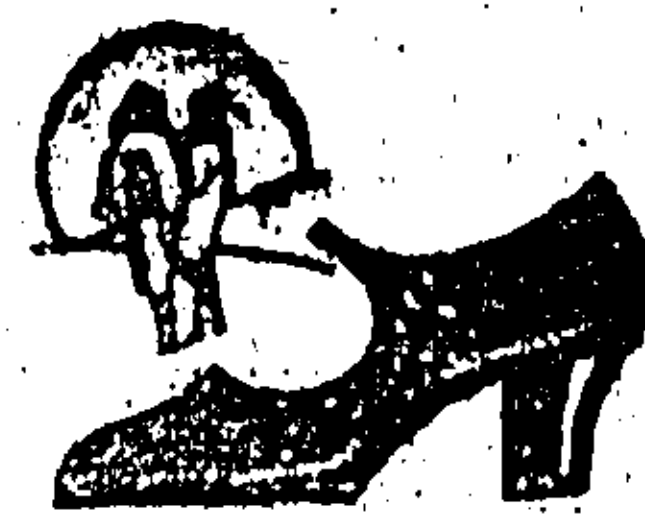
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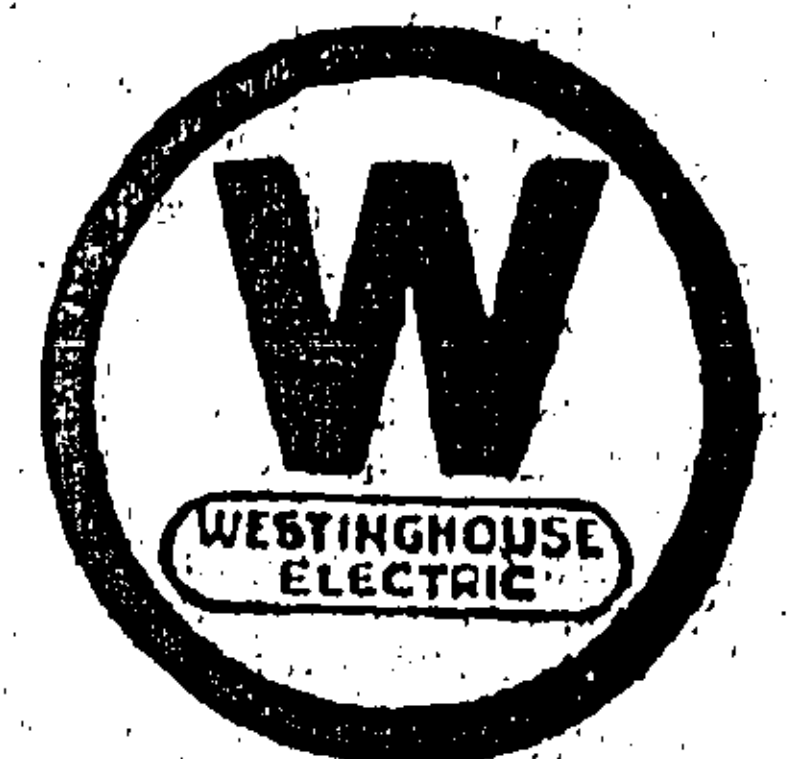
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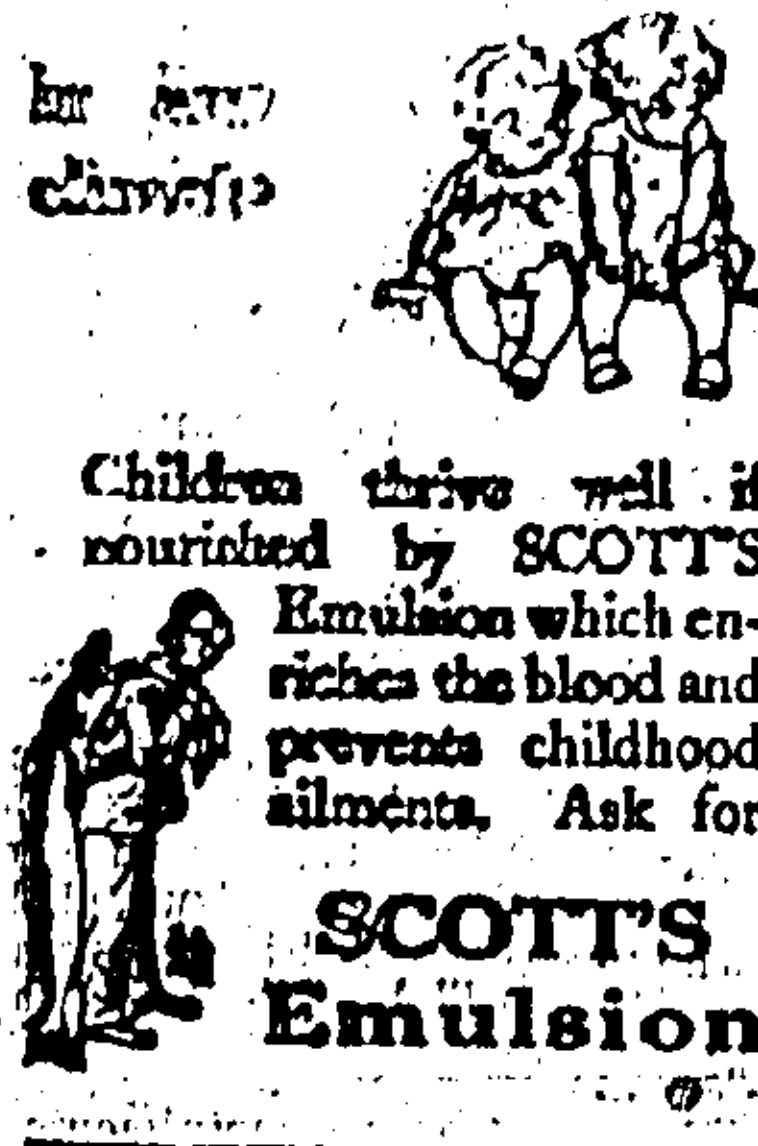
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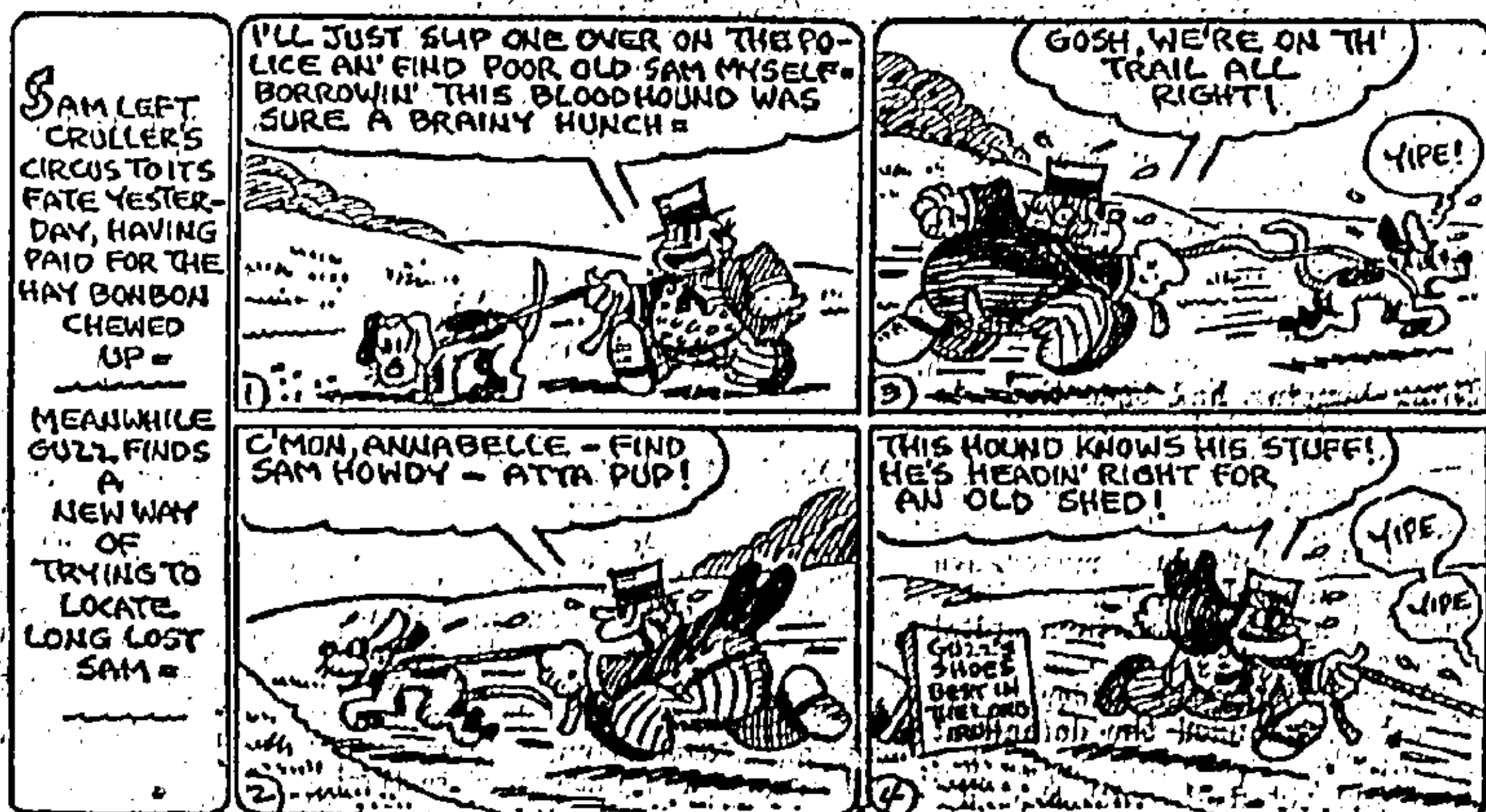
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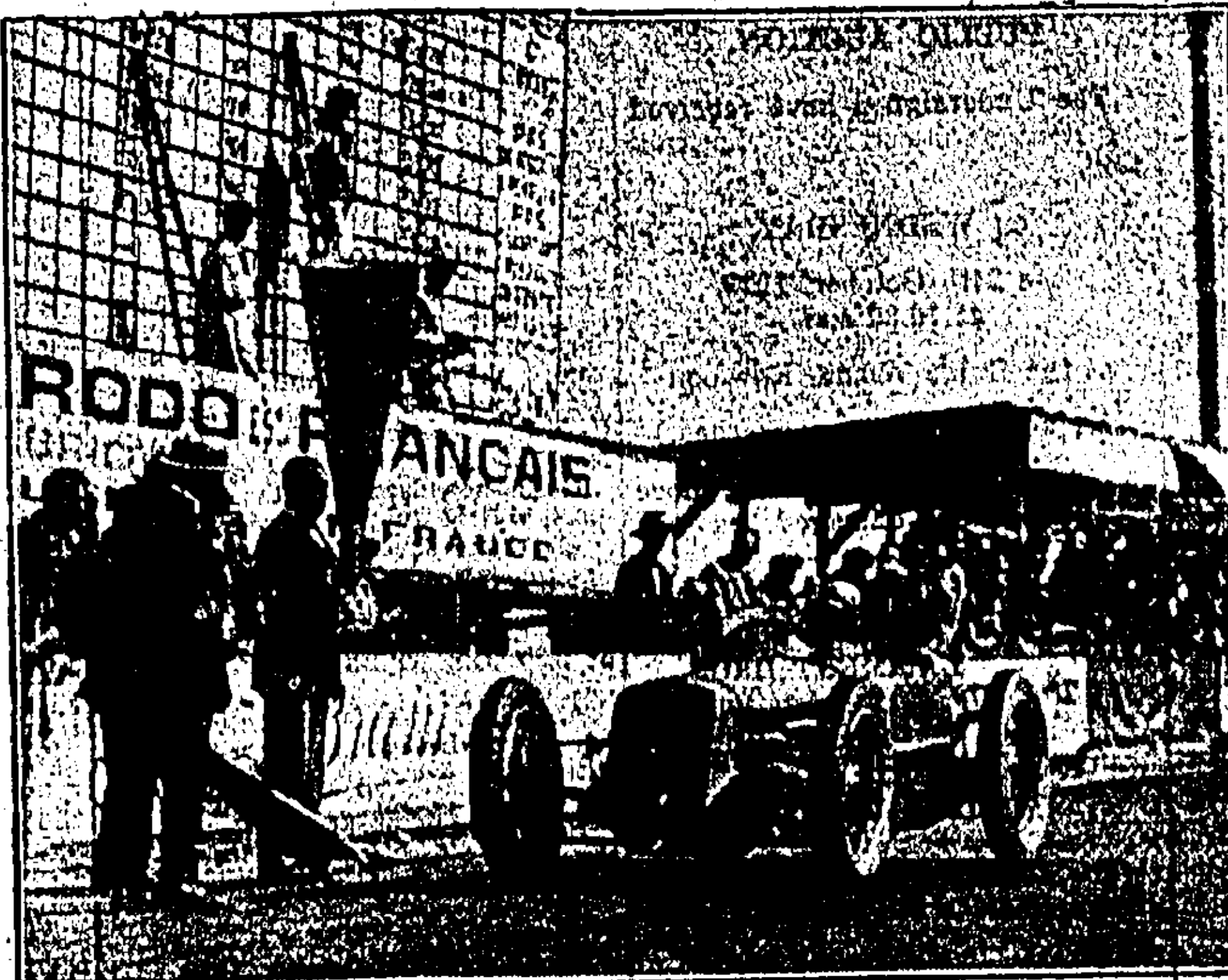


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Group taken after the marriage of Miss Eva Irlar, only daughter of Mrs. M. D. Irlar of Shanghai, and Mr. Albert Henry Roach, son of Mr. J. E. Roach of Chadwell Heath, Essex, in Shanghai.



The arrival in England last month of Princess Marthe of Sweden as the guest of the King and Queen has started rumours that she may become the bride of the Prince of Wales. She is a sister of Princess Ingrid, who recently married the crown prince of Belgium.



Sinologists of eight nations assembled at Oxford for the 17th International Congress of Orientalists. Prof. Schmidt (Riga), Dr. H. Maspero (Paris) and Prof. Soothill (Oxford) are in the group.



Mrs. Florence Knapp, former Secretary of state of New York, is shown as she was sentenced to 30 days imprisonment for misapplying state funds.



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Entries will close at twelve o'clock noon on Wednesday, 31st October, 1928.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

The Half Yearly General Meeting of Members will be held in the Jockey Club Room, Hongkong Club Annex, on Friday, 26th October, 1928, at 5.15 p.m.
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"The Belle of Brittany," "The
Three Kisses."

He was part composer with Mr.
Lionel Monckton of "The Ar-
cadians" and "The Mousetrap," and
with Paul Rubens of "Three Little
Maidens" and "The Blue Moon."

One of his last works—the march
"All Hail Our King"—was played
by the 2LO band on the wireless
recently. Mr. Talbot was too ill
to listen in to the performance him-
self, but at his request it was de-
scribed to him by his wife.

Mr. Talbot whose real name was
Munkitrick, was born in New York
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Lately he had suffered from
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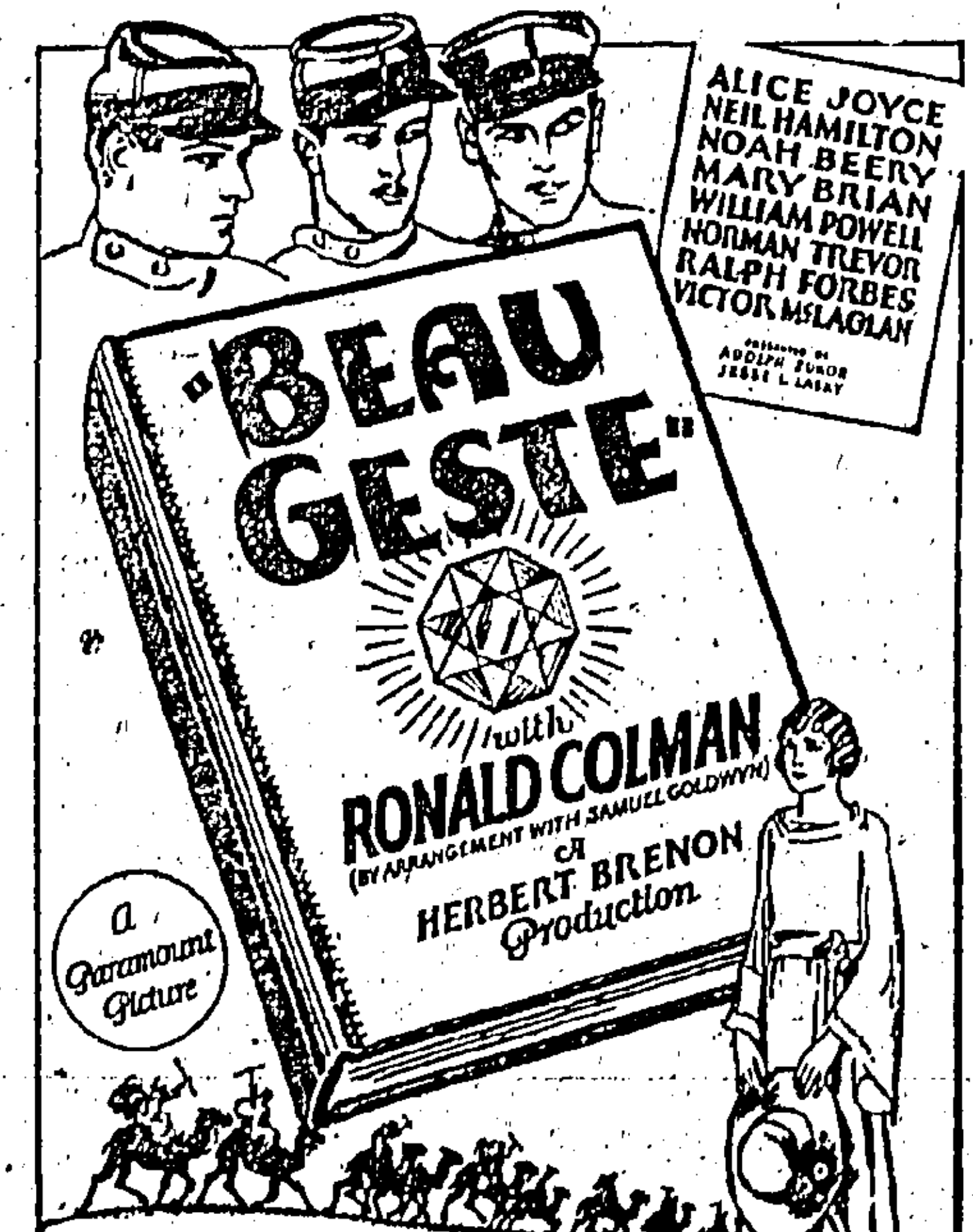
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Europe via Suez (letters and papers, London, 27th Sept. and parcels, 20th Sept.) Khyber October 25.
Japan and Shanghai Khiva October 25.

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Shanghai and Europe via Siberia President Pierce Mon., Oct. 22.
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Letters 5 p.m.

San Shui and Wuchow Tai Ming Mon., Oct. 22, 4.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard Sun Kong Mon., Oct. 22, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Japan Karmala Mon., Oct. 22, 5 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia Paul Locat Tues., Oct. 23, 12.30 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hal Ching Tues., Oct. 23, 1 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Sphinx Tues., Oct. 23, 1 p.m.

Registration 1 p.m.
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Fort Bayard Tai Poo Sek Tues., Oct. 23, 1.30 p.m.
Wei Hai Wei Huichow Tues., Oct. 23, 2 p.m.
Amoy Soochow Tues., Oct. 23, 2.30 p.m.
Manila President Jackson Tues., Oct. 23, 4.30 p.m.

Swatow Yat Shing Tues., Oct. 23, 5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand Aki Maru Wed., Oct. 24, 1 p.m.
via Thursday Island Reg. 8.45 a.m.
Letters 9.30 a.m.
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Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. & S. America, Europe via Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via Siberia Parcels Oct. 23, 5 p.m.
Empress of Russia Wed., Oct. 24, 1 p.m.
Registration Oct. 24, 5.15 a.m.
Letters Oct. 24, 10 a.m.
(Due Vancouver B.C. 10th Nov.)

Shanghai Huipeh Wed., Oct. 24, 1.30 p.m.
Manila and Java via Sourabaya Tikiiki Wed., Oct. 24, 2.30 p.m.
Hollow and Haiphong Menado Maru Thurs., Oct. 25, 8.30 a.m.

Swatow Kwantung Thurs., Oct. 25, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Haining Fri., Oct. 26, 2 p.m.
Amoy and Japan Kumsang Fri., Oct. 26, 5 p.m.
Hollow, Pakhoi and Haiphong Tean Sat., Oct. 27, 10 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Khiva Sat., Oct. 27, 1 p.m.

Parcels K. P. O. Sat., Oct. 27, 4.30 p.m.
Registration 27th, 9 a.m.
Letters 27th, 10 a.m.
G. P. O.
Parcels 20th, 5 p.m.
Registration 27th, 9.45 a.m.
Letters 27th, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 24th Nov.)

Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Kishu Maru Sun., Oct. 28, 8.30 a.m.
Europe via Suez (letters and papers London, 27th Sept. and parcels Bangkok via Swatow Kweiyang Sun., Oct. 28, 9 a.m.)

Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central, & South America via San Francisco and Europe via Siberia Tenyo Maru Tues., Oct. 30, 1 p.m.
Reg. 9.45 a.m.
Letters 10.30 a.m.
(Due San Francisco 23rd Nov.)

*Shanghai and Japan Kamo Maru Tues., Oct. 30, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy, and Foochow Haining Tues., Oct. 30, 1 p.m.
Manila Empress of Asia Tues., Oct. 30, 8.30 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles Petrocus Wed., Oct. 31, 1 p.m.

Reg. 3 p.m.
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G. P. O.
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Letters 5 p.m.
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Sandakan Hiansang Wed., Oct. 31, 10.30 a.m.
*Correspondence starting 10.30 a.m. daily.

CHARLES DICKENS.

SON'S REPLY TO ATTACK ON FATHER'S CHARACTER.

A reply to the attack on the character of Charles Dickens made by "Ephesian" (Mr. C. E. Berghofer Roberts) in his novel, "This Side Idioty," has been made by Sir Henry Dickens, K.C., the famous novelist's son and Common Serjeant of London.

"I have been pressed to say something on the subject of the grotesque libel on my father's life and character contained in a book just published," he remarked in an interview. "Having read as much of it as was necessary, I have come to the conclusion that the book is so utterly unworthy of the slightest consideration, and such a gross travesty of the man as he was known to the world, that I must decline to serve the author's

purpose by adding to its publicity."

Mr. Roberts, commenting on this statement, remarked: "I regret, but am not surprised, that Sir Henry Dickens has abandoned his announced intention of 'answering' my novel, 'This Side Idioty.' I have already routed every specific charge of inaccuracy brought against me—in each case by quoting Charles Dickens's own words—and I shall continue to do so. So long as the Dickens family refuse permission for the publication of important materials about his life, no authentic biography can be written except in the form chosen by myself, of the historical novel. When these materials are at last published, as some day they must be, my interpretation of Charles Dickens's real life and character will be shown to be correct."

Dr. Julius Moore, surgeon to the "Y" Division of the Metropolitan Police has died at Enfield at the age of 55. He was Medical Officer to the General Post Office and the Metropolitan Water Board.

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CHINA'S AMBASSADORS.

PROMOTION FOR REPRESENTATIVES IN FOREIGN CAPITALS.

Nanking, Oct. 21.

It is reported that China's representatives in America, Britain, Japan, and at the capitals of other Powers, may be promoted Ambassadors.

Mayor and Brevet Lieutenant-Colonel A. B. Beauman has been selected to command the 1st Battalion York and Lancaster Regiment, in the place of Lieutenant-Colonel T. W. Parkinson, whose tenure of command expires.

The former policy of sending experienced diplomats abroad has obviously been abandoned. It is evident that only recognized leaders of the Kuomintang and the Government will be sent to the foreign capitals.—*Reuter*.

WOMAN'S WORLD FOR OUR LADY READERS.

The Afternoon Frock.

TOMATOE SHADE MOST POPULAR.

One knows at the first glance, as the mannequins undulate across the salon, that the afternoon frocks are as irresistible as the morning frocks to which one has so easily fallen a victim.

Woollen materials are frequently used for these frocks.

Soft and supple velvets enjoy the greatest vogue, velours panne, and that most decorative form of velvet, velours de Smyrne, which, in reality, is a sort of velours broche or brocade velvet, a velvet pattern of dull rich silk. The pattern, nowadays, is usually a Cubist one.

Faille, that more simple edition of an old friend—taffetas—in a new guise, is seen, and double-faced satins are enormously used, black on one surface, all colours of the rainbow on the other. All colours yes, but a peculiar rosy shade of tomato-red appears to be the most popular.

Fashion Notes.

Even long coats are moulded to the figure.

More natural make-up is used.

Very plain semi-tailored suits are very popular. Silver fox is a favourite fur, and fur collars on the coats are very high.

Revival of the Bolero Effect.



The front of a sumptuous black panne velvet evening gown is simplicity itself. The rear uses the bolero theme with a draped panel to achieve a very smart effect.

Of Intricate Cut.



The demi-bolero follows the intricate cut of this blue satin frock.

Evening Wraps.

BEADED ONES ARE NEWEST.

There are few fashions more acceptable to Englishwomen than that of the evening coat which may be worn at dinner or when playing bridge, and which is indeed often part of the frock itself or allied to it. Either in colourings or in material the coat should be part of the ensemble. Coats of gold or of silver sequins were introduced at the beginning of this year, and were much liked, being, of course, quite "right" for wearing with black or white frocks. There were also coats of black and of black and white sequins.

Even more generally useful and no less attractive than these are the new beaded coats which will be so much worn during the coming winter. They are rich-looking, with just that touch of the festive which we like in the evenings, and they are not too fragile to be practical. The woman who happens to be placed in the draughty corner of a bridge, or who is sitting out at a dance, will find just what she wants in the way of comfort in one of these smart coats. The foundation is usually of crepe de Chine or silk georgette, or some other fabric of sufficient substance to supply warmth. For dining out at restaurants these coats are also ideal wear.

Crystal beads are very fashionable and very charming. Gold or gold and black bead coats commend themselves to the matron, who can also choose black and white if she wishes for a less elaborate coat. Usually the coats are embroidered in floral or lace

Colour in Hose.

PASTEL SHADES ARE NEWEST.

The subject of colour in hose is very subtle indeed. It is said that beige rose is dead. Nevertheless, flesh tones in the darker gradations of sun-tan, in a sheer, and invisibly cobwebby quality, remain. The tendency is decidedly towards darker tones.

Colours, though more pronounced, seem to fade a good deal on the leg because of the transparency of the hose worn.

For the evening, flesh tones in varied gradations are worn almost exclusively. Yet, since it has been whispered about that beige rose no longer reigns supreme, no one dares to turn down novelties as deliberately as was done a year ago.

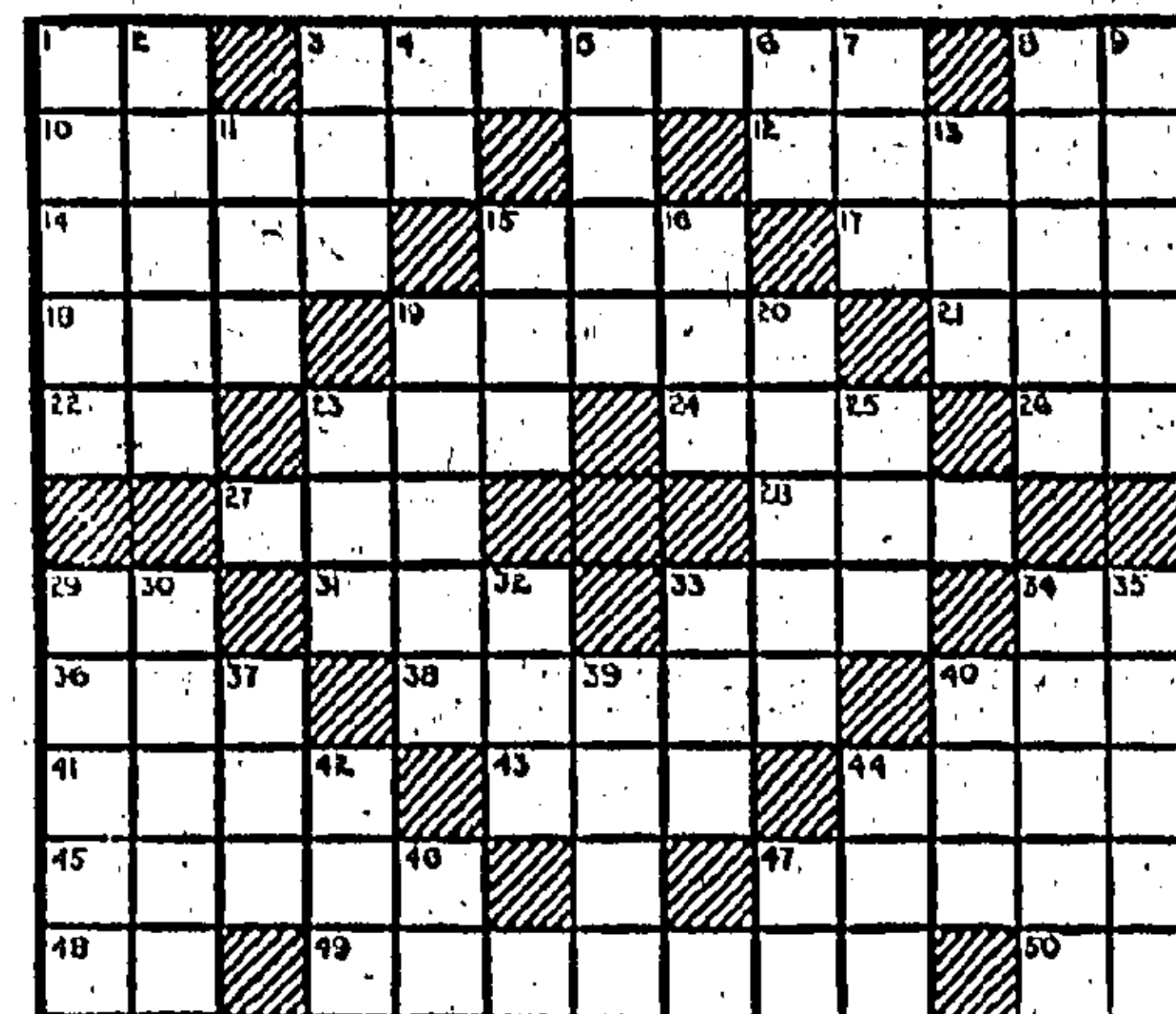
Pastel Shades.

The new pastel shades are the principal novelties in evening hose. They are cobwebs of finest quality, which give a faint mauve, blue, rose, or chartreuse transparency to the leg, and are supposed to establish harmony between skin and gown.

effects in contrasting colours. It is not difficult to find a coat which will blend successfully with any one of your evening frocks.

Quite a new idea for the coming season is the roll collar, which has not been seen previously on this type of coat. Practically all the sequin coats which we admired in the spring were of the cardigan shape. The new coats are graceful and picturesque, and the beaded cloak is also seen. Coats some of which have long, wide sleeves giving a suggestion of a medieval robe.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Horizontal

- 1 Dad.
- 3 Which country was the first to declare war in the World War?
- 8 Morindin dye.
- 10 Entrances.
- 12 Towerlike structure.
- 14 Drove.
- 15 Alternative.
- 17 Opposite of odd.
- 18 Anger.
- 19 Molars.
- 21 Black bird of the cuckoo family.
- 22 Point of compass.
- 23 Bed.
- 24 Sweet potato.
- 26 Variant of "a."
- 27 Tree bearing acorns.
- 28 Cleft.
- 29 Abbreviation for "postscript."
- 31 Inlet.
- 33 Opposite of in.
- 34 Minor note.
- 36 To permit.
- 38 Stout.
- 40 Legal rule.
- 41 Melody.
- 42 Suitable.
- 44 Instrument like the lyre.
- 45 Bulb flower.
- 47 Ferment.
- 48 Standard of type measure.
- 49 Whom did J. Wilkes Booth shoot and kill?
- 50 Second note in scale.

Vertical

- 1 In what city in France did America recently purchase an embassy site?
- 2 To love exceedingly.
- 3 Devoured.
- 4 You and me.
- 5 Elm.
- 6 Exists.

- 7 To initiate.
- 8 Any place of public contest.
- 9 Under whose leadership did the Bolsheviks seize the rulership of Russia?
- 11 Small fresh-water fish.
- 13 Yellow bugle.
- 15 Still.
- 16 Pig pen.
- 19 Which is the third largest city in the world?
- 20 What city in The Netherlands is "The" seat of the courts?
- 23 Vehicle.
- 25 Door rug.
- 26 Dish.
- 30 Antiloxin.
- 32 Loose sleeveless outer garment.
- 33 Hops kiln (variant).
- 34 Tardier.
- 35 Cognizant.
- 37 Seance.
- 39 Type of narrative poetry.
- 40 What is the record book of a ship called?
- 42 To be sick.
- 44 Hastened.
- 46 3,1416.
- 47 Deity.

Saturday's Solution.

MARCONI SEINE
OVER IRK ALAS
RID BLEND LIT
AD NEE EON LA
NIT VAPOR T
DEAD MAD RATE
E DUGET STY
MASATRAM OR
ICE GELID THE
SORA SAC RAIN
ERASE CHARLOT

LETTER GOLF.

A CAMP FIRE GIRL is responsible for to-day's tricky letter golf puzzle. It provides double action and par for the whole distance is eight.



- 1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to Men, in three strokes, COW, HOW HEW HEN.
- 2—You can change only one letter at time.
- 3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

WARSHIPS COLLIDE.

JAPANESE TORPEDO BOAT SUNK.

Tokyo, Oct. 21.
According to a Navy Office announcement a torpedo boat while practising torpedo discharge off the coast of northern Japan yesterday at noon collided with the destroyer Isonami, which was also proceeding at full speed. The torpedo boat immediately sank and four are missing, though the remainder were picked up. The destroyer, which was only slightly damaged, searched till mid-night, but no trace of the missing men was found.—*Reuter*.

AMOY FIRM FAILS.

MESSRS. TAIT AND CO. CLOSE THEIR DOORS.

Amoy, Oct. 17.
Messrs. Tait and Co., well-known local firm, have closed their doors.
Owing to recent unsettled conditions the firm suffered losses, and recently a Chinese agent absconded with \$100,000.
Enquiries in Hongkong partially confirm this news. Messrs. Tait and Co. are an old English firm with wide connexions.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page.

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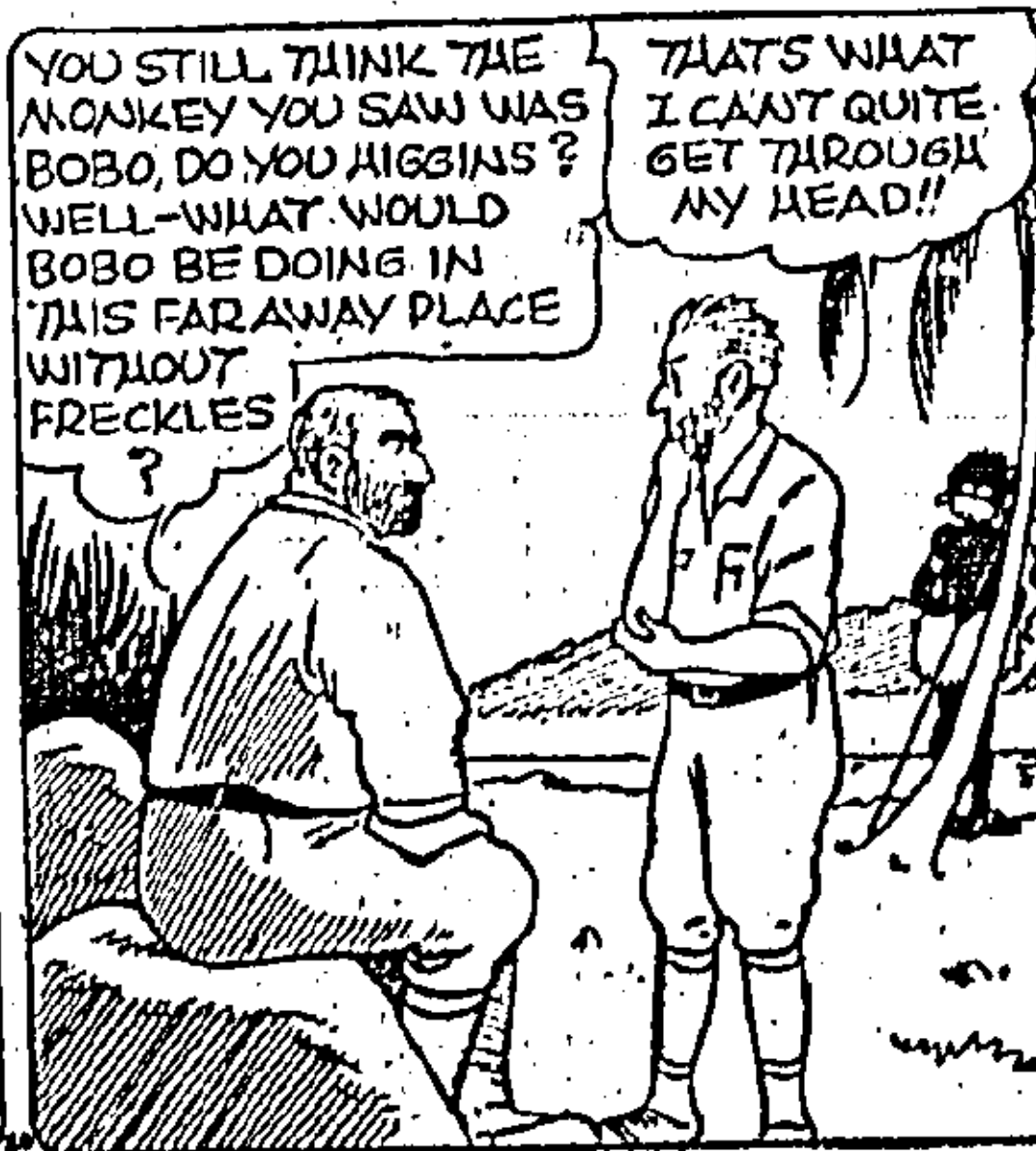
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The
Hongkong Telegraph.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 1928.

THE MUI-TSAI SYSTEM.

Having some five years ago strongly approved the Government's action in taking steps aiming at the abolition of the *mui-tai* system by legislative means, we can thoroughly endorse the demands now being put forward by the Anti-Mui-Tai Society that definite steps should now be taken with a view to completing the intentions of the Legislature when it passed the 1923 Ordinance. The matter has been left in a most unsatisfactory position since that Ordinance became law, and, without further delay, the Government should demonstrate its *bona fides* by falling in with the suggestions made by the Society named. These, in summary, are that all *mui-tai* should be registered and be paid adequate wages, that deeds of adoption should be registered, and that machinery be put into motion for the purpose of extinguishing the system within a given number of years.

When the British came into the occupation of Hongkong, they did so on the understanding that there should be no interference with legitimate Chinese customs, but, as we have many times pointed out, this did not imply the continuance of systems which ran contrary to the basic principles of British law and which in any way interfered with the rights of individual liberty. As it involved the selling of human beings and the placing of those sold in a position very little distinguishable from slavery, the *mui-tai* system conflicted with British ideals, and, for that reason, should have been abolished long ago. An attempt in that direction was made five years ago, but the full operation of the law has remained suspended under a provision which reserved the most important section of the Ordinance until such time as it should be declared to become effective. Under the Ordinance, the employment of new *mui-tai* was definitely prohibited, provisions were made requiring employers of such *mui-tai* as were already in service to treat them as they would their own daughters, and it was laid down that any *mui-tai* wishing to be restored to their parents or natural guardians should exercise that right without payment of any kind, whilst

parents or guardians wishing the restoration of such girls could claim them on the same basis. On paper, all this reads well, but, in the absence of machinery to facilitate the operation of the law, these provisions actually mean very little. How, under existing conditions, can the Government know whether new *mui-tai* have been employed during the past five years, and how can such girls as are in service know their legal rights and be able to exercise them? The vital part of the Ordinance—which makes registration, payment of wages and official inspection and control compulsory—has remained in abeyance for the simple reason that it has to be declared operative before coming into force, and that has never yet been done.

Judging from the statements made at the annual meeting of the Anti-Mui-Tai Society, so far from the system dying out in Hongkong, it continues to flourish with unabated vigour. The figures cited would appear to indicate that many new *mui-tai* have been put into service since 1923 in direct conflict with the law, and that cruelty and ill-treatment are still the lot of many of these poor girls. The whole system is one which is repugnant to British ideas, and in these days of enlightenment and reform its continuance should no longer be countenanced. The passing of the 1923 Ordinance contemplated its gradual extinction, but so long as the vital section of that Ordinance remains inoperative the evil will continue. Justice to the victims of the system and the ultimate wiping out of this slur on the Colony can only come by putting the dormant section into effect and enforcing the law with the utmost strictness.

Germany's Liabilities.

The subject of Germany's total reparations liability has been brought definitely within the sphere of diplomatic action. Winston Churchill's lightning visit to Paris, his talk with M. Poincaré and Mr. Parker Gilbert appear to have produced quick results, an authoritative statement suggesting that France and Britain have reached a tentative agreement, and are awaiting the approval of the other interested Powers. The arduous problem will eventually be tackled along the business-like lines of a specialised committee, but it is satisfactory to know that there is common ground to begin with. It has been well-known for a long time that the French Government still aspires to the *Thoiry* notion of mobilising the Dawes railways bonds, and it would seem that something along these lines will be undertaken as a *quid pro quo* for Rhineland evacuation. British judgment thinks as little of the proposal now as it did when it was first outlined in 1926, but in a patient desire to achieve a settlement, Mr. Churchill has apparently given further consideration to the project. The bonds, it is agreed, could only be sold at a heavy discount, the capital loss of which would be shared by the British Treasury, while the lion's share of the proceeds would go into the French Exchequer. The British taxpayer will eventually be called upon to bear the brunt if the proposals are accepted, as Mr. Pierpont Morgan suggests they will be. If the upshot is clarification, presumably he will grin and bear it according to custom, however much it may be stressed in his favour that we have already made sufficient sacrifices in the cause of pacification of Europe. The success of the negotiations, however, depend largely on the United States. At least fifty per cent. of the gigantic flotation involved by the *Thoiry* scheme would have to be absorbed by American investors, while Washington would have to be asked to permit liquidation of war debts in much the same manner. In this, we find little to cavil at; provided the proposals are placed upon a strictly business basis. Mr. Churchill has again emphasised that the British Government will object to anything suggestive of an appeal to American generosity, and we feel sure this sentiment will be echoed by all British nationals.

A married woman, 20 years of age, was prevented from taking her life through a prompt rescue effected after she had jumped into the water from Boundary Street, Shamshuipo, last night. She was taken to the local Police Station and detained for investigation.

DAY BY DAY.

WE MUST JUDGE RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS, NOT BY THE MEN WHO MAKE THEM, BUT BY THE MEN THEY MAKE.
—Joseph Cook.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony over the week-end.

The P. and O. s.s. Khyber, from Singapore, is due here at 4 a.m. on the 25th instant.

Mrs. Shellshair, Hongkong University, having returned to the Colony, has resumed the Hon. Treasurership of the Hongkong Benevolent Society *vice* Mrs. McElderry.

While travelling with his mother and grandmother to attend a wedding, Kenneth Brady, 4, of Grant-street, fell from a train between Basingstoke and Micheldever and was fatally injured.

Friends of Mr. C. A. Henderson, representative in the Far East of Messrs. Charles Morgan and Co. Ltd., will regret to learn that he is at present seriously ill at the Country Hospital, Shanghai.

While walking in Reclamation Street last night, a young Chinese woman, on her way home, was attacked by three men, and robbed of a pair of gold bangles, valued at \$50. The men had made good their escape by the time a report was made at the local Police Station.

The Chung Yung festival, the day when the Chinese visit the tombs of their ancestors, was celebrated in the usual manner yesterday, large numbers of Chinese visiting their ancestral tombs in the suburbs. Another feature of this festival is the hill-climbing custom, which it is believed will bring the climber good fortune in the year to come.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 18 arrivals and eight departures, with British holding top place, registering a total of cargoes approximating 22,000 tons. Tonnage showed an increase with freights better, there being 16 registries inward with seven of four figures and 11 throughs, with the same number of high returns.

Messrs. Dodwell and Co. Ltd., have generously donated two cheques, amounting to \$1,000, for the expansion of the nursery and ambulance equipment of the Tung Wah Hospital. Half of the sum is to be paid into the construction fund of the new Tung Wah Branch Hospital at Sookunpo. The cheques have been acknowledged and received by the Chairman of the Hospital, Mr. Tang Shu-kin.

An armed guard from members of the Singapore Volunteer Corps has been placed on the steamer *Anking*, leaving Singapore for China ports yesterday. She is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 31st, after calling at Hoihow, Swatow, and Amoy. The guard will return on Nov. 3 and due at Singapore on Nov. 7. It was on the *Anking* that piracy was carried out on Sept. 26 last by Chinese who had embarked at Singapore.

Described as a "tea boy" on board the s.s. *Lushan Maru*, a Shanghai Chinese appeared before Mr. W. Schofield, at the Kowloon Magistrate's office, on charges of being in possession of 28 tins of prepared opium and 3 tins of raw opium. The defendant, who admitted that the drug was for his own consumption, was fined \$220 on the first charge and a further \$90 on the second. The alternatives were six weeks' and one month's hard labour respectively.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, Oct. 21.
Paris	124.20
Brussels	84.89
Amsterdam	120.04
Berlin	20.86
Copenhagen	34.505
Vienna	102.2
Helsingfors	107.4
Lisbon	204.4
Buenos Aires	47.11/32
Shanghai	2/7/4
Yokohama	1/10.29/32
New York	4.85 11/16
Geneva	25.20
Milan	92.65
Stockholm	18.14
Oslo	16.93
Prague	30.025
Athens	87.5
Rio	5.20/32
Bombay	1/6 1/32
Hongkong	2/0 3/4
Silver (spot)	20 3/4
Silver (forward)	20 3/4

—British Wireless.

HOSPITAL SUNDAY AT THE CATHEDRAL.

THE CHURCH AND THE MEDICAL PROFESSION.

Yesterday being Hospital Sunday, the Very Rev. Dean Alfred Swann, preached a sermon at St. John's Cathedral to a congregation largely composed of members of the medical profession, on the attitude of the Christian Church towards the profession. The preacher also explained away two common misconceptions.

At the outset, the Dean said the Church gladly recognised the contributions of the medical profession to the happiness and well-being of man, a work that was entirely in accordance with the Will of God.

After commenting on the painstaking work spent in research, he remarked on the debt they owed to Chemistry and Physics, Anatomy, Physiology, Psychology and Bacteriology. In Hongkong, they had special need to be grateful to the latter science for having made the Colony comparatively

About Hong Kong.

Do you know that—

There was formerly a Roman Catholic Reformatory at West Point?

In 1865, the Government granted a site for a new building to replace these temporary premises, where some fifty boys were being educated and taught tailoring, carpentry etc.

By 1867, there were 78 boys in the Reformatory and the Government contributed for the support of twenty of these annually.

In 1886, a certificate was granted under an Ordinance which became necessary on it being discovered that under the existing laws there was no power to send lads to a Roman Catholic institution.

In 1898, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Bellios offered to build a reformatory if the Government would provide the site. As a result, the Bellios Reformatory was erected at a cost of \$12,000 to the donor, and the foundation stone was laid by Sir William Robinson, the then Governor. This was at Causeway Bay, the institution later becoming the Eyre Diocesan Refuge.

healthy in such a short time. The benefits so conferred on mankind was evidence of God's spirit of wisdom and love.

Dealing with one misconception, the Dean said it was quite falsely supposed that while the medical profession was concerned with the health of human bodies and minds, the Church was dealing with an exclusive element called the Soul. The Church's failure in the past to welcome new scientific knowledge partly accounted for that. It was humbly admitted, however, and they were thankful that better counsels now prevailed. The work of the profession should be thought of as the invaluable contribution to those engaged in the well-being of the whole family of God. It was an essential part of the Church and not something separate and distinct.

Divine Intentions.

It was clearly shown by Jesus Christ, during his 30 years of physical life on earth, and also for ever in the Spirit of His Church, that His work was of giving health to men. It was the Divine intention that the whole of man should be healthy.

It should be clear, therefore, that all who were in any way working to increase the true healthiness of the whole or any part of man's nature were carrying on the work of Christ.

A second misconception dealt with by the Dean was with regard to the idea that the teaching of the Church about sickness and disease was unsound, and that for many years disease was regarded as God's punishment for wrongdoing. Such statements, said the preacher, were caused by holding a totally unchristian idea of God and it was to science, that they owed their release from this untruth.

Concluding, the Dean said:—"I would remind you that the organised life of the Church with its Sacraments and Services has been built up for the express purpose of helping men and women to get into touch with and to maintain contact with the source of all health and wholeness. And I would assure you of the medical profession, especially, that God whom you serve is ready, and anxious at all times to give you the strength which you need for your work."

The Very Idea!

Human comradeship emerged among political opponents in the Australian Federal Parliament, as it does in the House of Commons. Dr. William Maloney, who had made a strong attack on the administration of Dr. Earle Page, Commonwealth Treasurer, was suddenly stricken with appendicitis. No other surgeon being available, Dr. Page successfully performed the operation.

Before entering politics Dr. Earle Page practised in Grafton and the surrounding districts of the northern part of New South Wales, and had a high reputation as a skilful surgeon. On a previous occasion, when Mr. W. M. Hughes fell from his horse and was severely injured, he was attended by Dr. Page, although their political and personal relations were particularly unfriendly.

His opponents often chaff Dr. Earle Page with the suggestion that he should return to surgery, which he knows, and leave finance alone, which, they say, he does not know.

"Do you mean to tell me you couldn't see me coming on a straight piece of road like this?" said the owner of the very small car after collision.

Sorry, guv'nor," said the lorry-driver; "thought it were a fly on me wind-screen."

Round the club-room table were seated four old Scotsmen, the remnant of a club that had been established some fifty years ago or more. The hour was five a.m., and Donald, looking across at Jack, said in a thick, sleepy voice, "Jock, d'ye notice what an awful peculiar expression there is on Dougla's face?"

"Aye," was the reply, "I noticed that; he's dead. He's been told that four hours."

"What," gasped Donald, "Died? Why did ye no' tell me?"

"Oh no," said Jack, "I'm no' that kind of mon to disturb a convivial evening."

I met a little village lad; He looked extremely bright And yet, it seemed, he could not tell His left hand from his right.

"Which is my way to So-and-So?" I asked. He answered straight, "The nearest way is down that lane And, when you reach a gate,

You turn...—a sudden cloud of doubt Came o'er his youthful brow. He murmured softly to himself A faint, "Which is it, now?"

"Now, right or left? Come, tell me, pray."

You surely know," I said. His smile was quite intelligent. But still he shook his head.

He waved his right hand in the air. "It is that way, I know. And this is 'right,' sir, isn't it?" I owned that it was so.

In days of war, "Left, right; left, right!"

Each infant tongue had learned; And while I went to tend the child, So ignorant, I also smiled. To think of peace returned.

James Tovell, 41, labourer, Colleton-road, E. Greenwich, was charged at Greenwich recently with loitering for the purpose of betting, and for carrying on business as a bookmaker without a certificate. Mr. Jaquet, who prosecuted for the Inland Revenue, said that if defendant wished to do an unlawful act there was no reason why he should not pay the tax.

Mr. Campion: Then are you ready to wink at a breach of the law so long as you get money out of it?

Mr. Jaquet: No. I may compare it to a man who drives a car on the pavement. He has to pay the tax, the same as the man who drives on the roadway.

Mr. Campion: But I can bet without a license?

Mr. Campion: I cannot accept a bet in a friendly way? If you and I had half a crown on the boat race—

Mr. Jaquet: The one that took the bet would be liable.

Defendant, who promised to give up betting, was fined \$10 on the first charge and 2s for having no license.

A young man was charged with creating a breach of the peace at a fancy dress ball.

The policeman who arrested him, giving evidence, was asked by the Fiscal: "When you took the accused in charge, was he *compos mentis*?"

"No, sir," was the reply, "he was got up as Henry the Eighth."

On the ground that too much time is spent by the police in traffic control, Maidstone Council has resolved to ask the Home Secretary if a subsidiary force, paid out of the Road Fund, could be formed to do this work.

HONGKONG LADY GOLFERS.

RAISING OF SUBSCRIPTION IS APPROVED.

NEED OF MORE FUNDS.

With the object of obtaining funds with which to carry out schemes and improvements, the voluntary subscription for the Ladies' Section of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club was increased from \$1 to \$3 at the annual meeting of members, which was held at the Helena May Institute this morning. Mrs. F. A. Redmond presiding.

It was explained in this connection that it was very difficult at present to make ends meet, as there were constantly recurring expenses which had to be paid every year, little being left over for anything else.

A fund of their own was wanted, by means of which a scheme at Deep Water Bay could be carried out. It was further pointed out that generous donations had been received from the gentlemen's section, but the ladies would prefer to have money of their own in the future. If such a fund were obtained, renewals could be effected at the Fanning Club House and numerous other small improvements done.

Another point in this connection which was touched on was the question of money for prizes. It was pointed out that the ladies must have prizes for the new competition started this year, but they had absolutely no money. There was also a suggestion that a team should come to Hongkong from Shanghai, but there were no funds with which to entertain the visitors.

An amendment was proposed that the subscription be increased to \$5, but this was lost when put to the meeting and the proposition was carried.

The Year Reviewed.

In proposing the adoption of the report and statement of accounts, Mrs. Redmond said:—This year, for the first time, the report and statement of accounts have been printed. There is one addition to be made to the list of competitions, namely, a Boxer Competition for a prize presented by Mrs. Fleming, won by Mrs. Wright. The report I shall take as having been read and I think we may congratulate ourselves on having had a most successful season. We have had more competitions than usual and we feel extremely grateful to all the donors of the beautiful prizes we have had the pleasure of playing for, and again we offer them our sincere thanks. At the same time we heartily congratulate all the prize winners. We are proud of Mrs. Tottenham, the holder of our championship for 1928—she is a very good all round sportswoman and also holds the ladies' tennis championship of the Colony. It is 10 years, I believe, since anyone has had the proud distinction of holding both championship titles.

The best score for 1927 over the new course was 79, returned by Mrs. D. S. Lambert. We are sorry to lose this fine player. We also deeply regret the departure of Mrs. Crawford, who had been associated with the Ladies' Section from its earliest days and had been our captain three times. She also did a great deal of work for the club when she was hon. secretary. I am sure you will all join me in wishing her many happy years of golf at Home.

Expressions of Thanks.

Again, we are most grateful to the men's committee for all they have done for us in the past year. At Fanning they have carried out long-needed improvements in the second dressing room and have provided showers which are a great help on crowded days. At Deep Water Bay, they not only gave us permission to make the room upstairs more comfortable and attractive, but they kindly gave us a generous grant from the club funds for which we were most grateful. I am sure you will agree that the room is greatly improved. We are having some more comfortable chairs made and hope the room will be finished by the end of the month. In connection with the furnishing of this room we are deeply indebted to Messdames Dunbar, Dunnett, Cassidy, Crapnell, Lewis, Maitland, Parker, Percy, Potter, Rowley and Stewart, for their very kind donations and gifts. Also to Mrs. Croxson and Mrs. Ferguson for the prizes they kindly gave for golf and the bridge drive. We also owe our sincerest thanks to our Deep Water Bay sub-committee, Mrs. Ferguson and Mrs. Leggett, for all the trouble they have taken in connection with the furnishing of this room.

You will have noticed that the accounts show a credit balance of \$72.16. This is not as nice as it looks for I am sorry to say that since the books were balanced we have incurred expenditure amounting to over \$100, which means we

YOUNG WOMAN ADMITS THEFT.

STOLE GOODS FROM A FELLOW-LODGER.

Taking advantage of the absence of a fellow-occupant, a young Chinese woman, residing at No. 17, Austin Road, Kowloon, stole from a rattan basket, a quantity of jewellery and clothing to the total value of \$139.50. On a report being made to the police, she was detained on suspicion, and, on her own admission, was this morning charged before Mr. W. Schofield with theft.

Sergeant Mottram, outlining the case, said the defendant and the complainant resided on the same floor at No. 17, Austin Road. When the complainant returned from work on Saturday, she discovered that a quantity of jewellery and clothing, which had been kept in a rattan basket, was missing. She made a report to the police, and as the defendant's room, she was detained. She later admitted the theft and assisted the police to recover the stolen articles.

She took the police to Chatham Road, where she recovered part of the property, which she had secreted in a cavity in the gutter opposite the Kowloon Football Club. Other articles were traced to different pawnshops.

The defendant said her mother had died in the country and she had been asked to return. She only wanted about \$10 and had no intentions of stealing, as much as \$139. She asked his Worship to send her back to the country and not commit her to prison.

Being her first offence, his Worship gave the defendant the option of a fine of \$50, in default of which, she was to go to prison for one month.

GOOD COMEDY...

"ADAM AND EVIL" AT THE QUEEN'S.

A good all-round comedy is being screened at the Queen's Theatre at present under the title of "Adam and Evil."

Lew Cody, who has appeared in a number of other matrimonial mix-ups, takes the leading part in this picture, jumping from the role of the erring husband to that of his equally erring twin-brother and vice-versa, and all this to justify himself before his wife and save his matrimonial ship from being wrecked. There is plenty of humour in what he says and does, as those who witnessed the film when it was screened for the first time yesterday will concede. It is one of the best comedies seen at this Theatre for some time.

An M.G.M. newsreel and a picture on arctic adventures are other items in the programme.

Mr. W. M. Citrine, who is 40 and has been elected president of the International Federation of Trade Unions at Amsterdam, is the youngest man to hold that post.

shall start the new year with a deficit of some thirty odd dollars.

Less Than Half Subscriber.

Our hon. treasurer is to be congratulated on collecting so many subscriptions—64 more than last year. We have roughly 470 members of the Ladies' Section. A great many of these are, of course, absent from the Colony, but it does seem strange that less than half the lady members should subscribe. This is a voluntary subscription but I do think members should make it a point every year to send what is after all only a trifling sum to the hon. treasurer. I should like now to express my very sincere personal thanks to the very sincere personal thanks to all members of the committee for all the hard work they have done during the year. They have given their services so cheerfully that it has been a real pleasure to work with them. Needless to say the hon. secretary has had the biggest share of work to do and I should feel unhappy if I did not thank Mrs. Cassidy specially for carrying out her onerous duties so thoroughly and so willingly.

The report and accounts were adopted.

The Officials.

Mrs. Ferguson was elected captain and the following members were elected to the committee, in addition to the President:—Messdames Gilmore, Maitland, Percy, Rowley, Sheldon and Somerfelt.

The meeting concluded with votes of thanks to Col. Matthews for the assistance he had given to them, the management of the Helena May Institute for the loan of a room, Mr. D. J. Gilmore for auditing the accounts, and the local newspapers for publishing notices.

Thanks were also expressed to Mrs. Redmond for her work as Captain for two years, and for her service on the Committee.

LYNCHING AFFAIR AT SEA.

VICTIM TIED AND KILLED WITH Mallet.

STARTLING INCIDENT.

Singapore, Oct. 13. An extraordinary story of a lynching at sea was told by the master of a ship on the Straits-China run when he called at Singapore this week.

During his last trip to China, this captain states, a quarrel arose between a deck passenger and the storekeeper, which ended in the former drawing a knife and sinking it in the stomach of the unfortunate storekeeper. Some of the Chinese on board were very incensed, and decided to take justice into their own hands.

They arrested the accused by suddenly springing on him in a bunch, adjudged him guilty, and sentenced him to death. Then they proceeded to carry out the sentence. They first of all tied the murderer to the rails of the ship. Meanwhile, the appointed "executioner" searched round for a suitable weapon, and found a carpenter's mallet. With this weapon he went to the spot where the condemned man was tied, and proceeded to batter him about the head, continuing until every spark of life had departed.

This was done before the officers could interfere, but subsequently the captain had the "executioner" and his assistants put in irons. When he arrived at his next port of call, Swatow, the captain took his prisoners to a local police station, and here he received an interesting lesson in the difference between Eastern and Western view points.

"One piece man dead; another piece man dead," said the policeman. "Make two men dead. That's all right. Take off." The captain then led his prisoners out of the station.

AN UNUSUAL MARINE COURT SENTENCE.

SMALL BOY ORDERED TO BE CANED.

Heavy fines were inflicted at the Marine Court this morning for boarding without permission and in addition a case had an unusual feature for this Court, in that one of the defendants was under age and was sentenced to be caned.

Charges were levelled against five hawkers for boarding the s.s. Hong Kheng without the permission of the officer commanding, before Commr. J. B. Nowell, D.S.O., J.N., and, on a plea of guilty being entered, his Worship inflicted fines of \$20, with the alternative of three weeks' imprisonment in all cases.

Four other unlicensed hawkers were charged with a similar offence in respect of the same vessel and also pleaded guilty, the fines and alternative being the same.

Inspector Andrews pointed out that one of the accused was only 14 years of age, and, under the Ordinance, could not be gaoled.

The sentence was accordingly altered to six strokes with the cane in the case of the youthful offender, and the punishment was administered in the precincts of the Court.



"Ain't it disgusting the way a crowd will gather out of idle curiosity? Let's go over and see what they're looking at."

NEWPORT POLICE CHIEF RESIGNS.

DIFFERENCE WITH WATCH COMMITTEE.

The Chief Constable of Newport, Captain C. E. Gower, has tendered his resignation to the Watch Committee, but it has not been accepted.

The position has arisen as a result of a difference between Captain Gower and the Watch Committee, which is supposed to have followed the suspension of a prominent police officer and his subsequent re-instatement by the Watch Committee.

The Mayor, the Town Clerk, and an Alderman have visited the Home Office to seek advice in connection with the matter, and the deputation will report to the Watch Committee later.

It is understood that the Watch Committee re-instated the suspended police officer after the whole matter had been debated at a secret meeting, which lasted several hours.

Captain Gower was appointed Chief Constable in 1912.

ROMANCE OF WEST-END FLOWER SHOP.

ASSISTANT TO WED SON OF TOBACCO MAGNATE.

Another romance of the business world culminated in a fashionable wedding recently, when Mr. John Dane Player, son of Mr. W. G. Player, of the famous Nottingham tobacco firm, was married at St. Margaret's, Westminster, to Miss Leila Reynolds, daughter of Major P. G. and Mrs. Reynolds.

Miss Reynolds, a tall and beautiful blonde, last year assisted Miss Nellie Taylor, the actress, who is now the wife of Captain Buckmaster, in the running of an exclusive florist's shop in Old Burlington-street.

She lives in Ashley-gardens, Westminster, and first met Mr. Player at a hunt ball in Leicester-shire.

Nearly 500 guests were invited to the wedding, and the bridesmaids included Miss Gladys Summit, an assistant at the florist's shop.

RUSSIA'S WAIFS AND STRAYS.

MOSCOW PREVENTS ANNUAL MIGRATION.

Riga, Oct. 21.

The Moscow authorities have decided to prevent the annual migration of waifs and strays toward the large towns, this being now in full swing.

Guards have been placed at all railways and highways with instructions to seize the children and send them to reformatories. A large number has already appeared in Moscow, however.—Reuter.

Aged 89 the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., which controlled 23,237 tons when it began, now operates 2,679,146 tons, in conjunction with affiliated companies.

Masterpieces bequeathed to Paisley Art Institute by the late Mr. W. H. Coats include works by Corot and Constable.

BRITISH AIR FORCE MACHINES.

FOUR AMPHIBIANS TO VISIT MANILA.

COMING HERE LATER.

Manila, Oct. 18.

For the first time since May, 1924, when Major Lorin and Captain Gallarza arrived here by airplane, completing the famous Madrid-to-Manila flight, and for the second time in the history of the city, Manila will figure in an important aerial event on November 9.

On that date four British amphibian planes, under the command of Captain Cave-Brown-Cave, are scheduled to arrive here.

The planes are making a tour of the Orient. They will fly from Singapore soon after the 1st of November, making their first stop at Puerto Princessa, Palawan. From there they will fly to Manila; thence to Santa Barbara, Pangasinan.

From the Philippines the planes will proceed to Hongkong and from there their itinerary is unknown.

The British flyers will remain in Manila one week, leaving here on November 16. Arrangements will probably be made within the next few days for their reception and for the entertainment of the crowds while here. It is believed the landing here will be made in Manila Bay.

The Asiatic Petroleum Company has been asked to supply the planes with approximately 7,000 gallons of high-test gasoline at the different ports of call in the Philippines. This company also will supply kerosene and distilled water.

BIG THEFT OF TIN-FOIL.

CHARGES AGAINST ALLEGED RECEIVER.

Thieves operating in the Whitefield district, Causeway Bay, on Friday last removed some 500 lbs. of tin-foil from the Hop Yick shop and arranged a sale with marine store dealers. In the police investigations that followed the receipt of a complaint from the shop, three men were arrested on a charge of being directly responsible for the theft, while a fourth man was also taken into custody as an alleged receiver of stolen goods.

All four men were arraigned before Mr. R. E. Lindsell to-day at the Central Police Court. The first three pleaded guilty to a charge of simple larceny, but the fourth said he had no guilty knowledge as regards the origin of the metal. He was represented by Mr. Leo d'Almeida, Sr.

Mr. Horace Lo appeared for the folks of the Tai-Ching Marine Store, against whom there had been charges of receiving which were later dropped by the police. Mr. Lo said he now appeared to watch the case in their interests.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo, instructed by Mr. J. M. Hall, to prosecute on behalf of the Hop Yick firm, said, in reply to a question from the Bench, that he believed he had evidence on which to proceed against the alleged receiver.

Mr. Hin-shing Lo said:—I may say this, at this stage, that his folk can depose to the fact that these goods were brought to his shop at 3 a.m. and that he disposed of them to another dealer in a marine store for twice as much money as he paid for the goods. Furthermore, there is evidence of a preconcerted arrangement whereby the goods were to be stolen on a certain date and to be disposed of to him at a certain time.

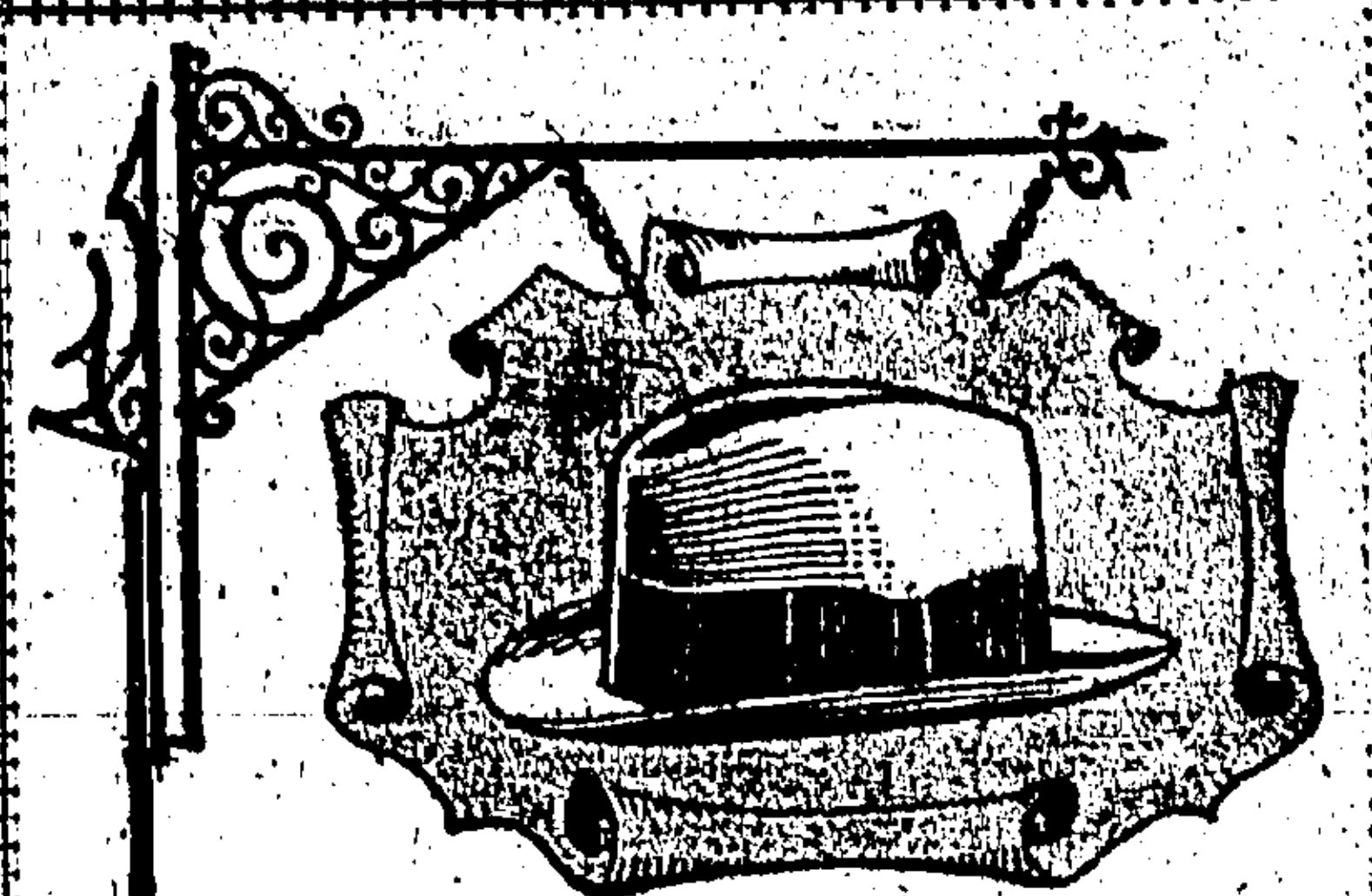
The hearing was adjourned until Thursday morning.

FORMER BANISHEE SENTENCED.

THREE MONTHS FOR THEFT OF SINGLETS.

On a charge of larceny of six woollen singlets from No. 33, Waterloo Road, a Chinese who had previously served a term of imprisonment, was sentenced to three months' hard labour by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

The defendant was stated by Inspector Marks to have been seen by the complainant, who was aroused at 3.45 a.m. yesterday, climbing over the back-wall in an attempt to escape after taking the singlets. The complainant caught hold of his legs and pulled him into the yard. In falling, the defendant was slightly injured, which probably explained his allegations of assault made against the complainant. Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.



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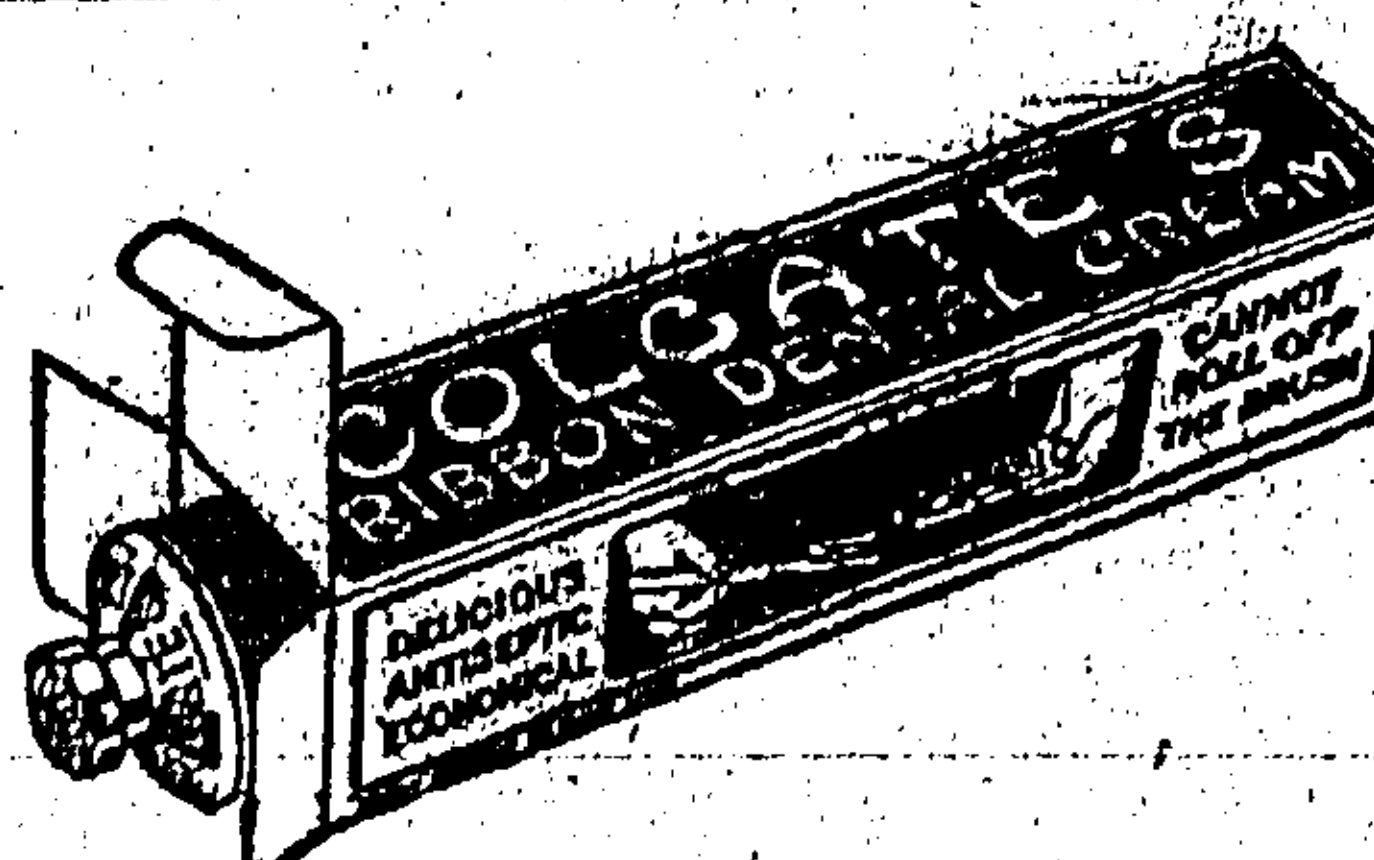
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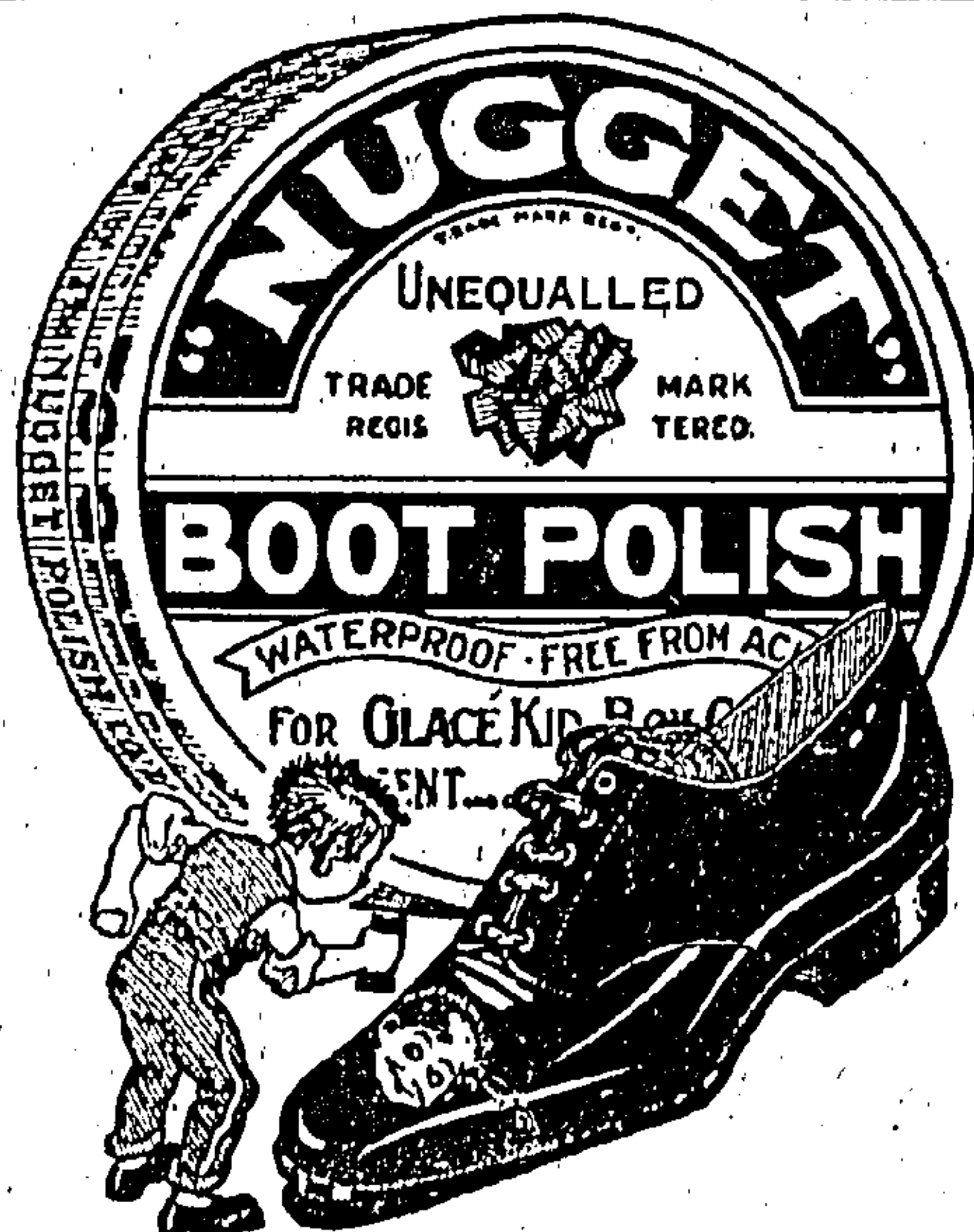
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KOWLOON & THE CLUB BADLY BEATEN.

THE QUEEN'S SENIOR LEAGUE SUCCESSSES CONTINUE.

CAPITAL FOOTBALL.

[By "Wanderer."]

The Colony's two premier civilian clubs were served a particularly unsavoury brew on Saturday, both Kowloon and the Club conceding six goals to Chinese opponents. The Club had the consolation of getting a goal in the closing minutes, but Kowloon failed to rise even to this effort.

With the Queen's Royal Regiment gaining a good win against the Club de Recreo, the three undefeated teams preserved their record. The Queen's head the League with 8 points in 4 matches, South China and Chinese Athletic having secured 6 in 3.

South China exhibited wonderful forward play against Kowloon, while the Chinese Athletic showed something akin to their last season's form, a fact with which the return of Suen Kam-shun to the side had not a little to do.

Five senior games produced 21 goals, though three sides failed to find the net.

The results were:

Senior Division.			
Chinese Ath.	6	H.K.F.C.	1
Queen's	2	Recreo	0
Royal Navy	2	R.A.	0
Kowloon	0	South China	6
Police	3	Small Units	1
Junior Division.			
K.O.S.B.	6	Recreo	0
University	0	Royal Navy	4
Kowloon	3	S. China "A"	2
S. China "B"	2	Small Units	1
Eastern	0	St. Joseph's	0
Chinese Ath.	3	R.A.F.	0

CLUB HEAVILY BEATEN. Chinese Athletic in a Scoring Mood.

Suen Kam-shun heralded his return to the Chinese Athletic forward line by scoring three goals against the Club at Happy Valley, and this was not the sole measure of his value to the side. The Club were at no time a real match for the visitors though they played pluckily from start to finish. Suen's artistry and constructive work had an immediate effect, the Chinese forward efficiency being increased immeasurably compared with previous displays.

Although defeated by 3-1, the Club may take heart from the fact that the Athletic gave by far their best exhibition of the present season. They attacked with a liveliness from the start which boded ill to the Club aspirations, and many times was Logan's charge seriously threatened before Suen announced his presence, so to speak, with a fine goal. Before the interval Wong Pak-chong had added a second, and this about represented the balance of play up to the interval.

Lam Yuk-ying, who found himself at inside-right, scored good goals early in the second half, but the first of his efforts appeared to take the spirit out of the Club defence, and the further surrenders were almost inevitable. Suen Kam-shun was responsible for the last two, both being the result of capital shots. Scott brought a measure of consolation near the end with a hard-worked-for goal.

Suen Kam-shun and the two wingers were Chinese Athletic's star forwards, though Lam and Wong each played their part exceedingly well. Suen schemed and passed cleverly, and brought Chan Kwong-ai into the limelight by drawing the defence and leaving the nimble winger with more or less a clear field. Both wingers were always a source of danger, and it is no exaggeration to say that for the most part they overran the Club defence. The Chinese Athletic defence played extremely well, though their task was rendered comparatively light.

The Club were a team lacking a plan of campaign. The defence played valiantly, but the forwards were found in all sorts of false positions, and their passes were

frequently intercepted. In one or two movements, they showed promise, particularly on the left wing, where Watson was untiring in his efforts to break through. Scott also did good work as opportunity arose.

ANOTHER QUEEN'S WIN.

Recreo Put Up Great Fight For Victory.

The Queen's fully merited their victory by two goals to nothing against the Club de Recreo, but it was a very near thing. The army team have their defence to thank rather than their lively forward line. The Recreo forwards were just as lively, and at certain periods of the game, far more dangerous, but daring and brilliant tackling spoiled splendid efforts when the position appeared most critical.

The Queen's won because they were better balanced. It would be difficult to find a club line of half-backs the equal of Byrne, Hill and Morris, while Hooper and Sharpe were keen and determined tacklers and strong and accurate in their clearances. Forward, Richardson and Caldwell stood out above their fellows, though all did extremely well.

The Recreo half-backs were not comparable to those of their opponents, though they put in great work. It was in the forward line that the Recreo shone. Gosano was an inspiring leader and Rocha was always at hand, forcing the game and shooting hard and often. Brown showed improved form on the left and it was this wing which gave the Queen's most frights. Both Hooper and Sharpe made exciting clearances in the goalmouth from their centres when the slightest error would have resulted in a goal.

The Recreo forwards when on the attack were pretty to watch, keeping the ball swiftly on the move and always advancing. They were more workmanlike than artistic, and with the slightest luck and against less keen adversaries, their finishing would have shown better results. The Queen's kept a very close watch on Gosano, but even so, he gave Dodds several teasers.

The visitors scored once in each half, the first resulting from fine opportunism by Richardson, who snapped up the ball and turned it past Marques, when the goalkeeper had failed to hold a terrific drive from Hill at 40 yards' range. The second accrued after nice work on the left, Caldwell muddling the ball beautifully. It bobbed around the goalmouth dangerously for nearly two minutes before Barclay headed it through an empty net.

With such a sterling defence behind them, the Queen's forwards were bound to be prominent. Their methods are much like those of the Recreo: good ball control, quick passes and a thorough knowledge of the whereabouts of goal. At times, however, they were very ragged, and Xavier, the outstanding player in the Recreo defence, then found interception comfortable.

It was an extremely interesting game, played at high speed throughout, but served to some extent as a denial of the theory that attack is the best defence. Only really clever intervention by Hill and Hooper on several occasions in the second half saved the Queen's goal from downfall.

BAD DAY FOR KOWLOON.

Completely Outplayed By South China.

Kowloon can have no excuse to offer for their heavy defeat at the hands of South China, other than that on an off-day they met a sterling team at its best. South China displayed form which would probably have gained them success over any team, it is said, though one has to bear in mind the fact that Kowloon's weaknesses allowed the Chinese to settle down to such form.

However that may be, it is certain that South China played brilliantly. A sound half-back line enabled a clever speedy forward line to keep going, and altogether Kowloon had a very rude shock. The visitors displayed all the thorough understanding and cunning in positioning that makes up for success, and they raided the Kowloon goal repeatedly in a series of dazzling attacks. Moreover they shot hard and accurately at a sight of goal and Angus had the busiest afternoon in his association with the Kowloon team. Sims returned to the half-back line and with the visitors displaying such dash and keenness he was compelled to be both

vigorous and judicious in his tackling, but it was not possible to stop splendid shots from all the inside forwards and the goal fell three times in the first half and an equal number in the second.

Kowloon had made many changes in the composition of their eleven, but in no single instance could the change be accounted a success. McKelvie and Baldwin went from the defence to the forward line, but this weakened the one without adding to the strength of the other. Another new centre-forward, Moss, was brought in, but he failed in the first essential, that is to say, to make ground when he received the ball. He seemed to be waiting for something lucky to happen and goals do not come that way. Pile and McKelvie did the only good forward work for Kowloon, but they were opposed to a defence of not inconsiderable skill, and their efforts met with no success.

The Kowloon wing half-backs had all their time occupied in an endeavour to hold the alpy South China wings, and thus the forwards were accorded little support. Miles and Hedley both put in a good deal of spilling work, but Miles was handicapped by the weakness of Eastman behind him, while Hedley and Guest were called upon to cope with the wing which made the majority of the openings.

Lau Mau and Ip Pak-wa were brilliant throughout, their clever combination bewildering the defenders, and resulting in many dangerous raids. Lau Mau scored a brilliant goal soon after the start, while Fung King-cheong headed through two minutes later—two goals in seven minutes! Before the interval, Fung had scored again, all three being great goals. Eastman (own goal), Lau Mau, and Fung King-cheong secured further goals in the second half.

South China's forward play was of extraordinarily high standard throughout. It is pleasing to see this team playing such a prominent part in local football, since they have had a strenuous task of development to undertake since the majority of their old stalwarts joined the Chinese Athletic a couple of seasons ago.

POLICE VICTORY.

Small Units Go Down In Closing Stages.

The Small Units put up a better display against the Police than was expected, a circumstance partly due to the uncertain efforts of their opponents. The Police reached their best form, and only showed an ability to score goals very late in the game.

With fifteen minutes to go, the sides were level, Waterfield having netted for the Small Units, and McGreavy for the Police (from a penalty). Fifteen minutes from the end, however, after Wood had brought off some superb saves, Howarth received from Pile and beat all opposition, scoring easily from close range. Near the end, Howarth tested Wood with a hot shot, and Fraser netted the rebound.

Wood had plenty to do in the Small Units goal and he came out of the match with much credit. The Police shooting, however, was exceedingly erratic and the final spurt was very necessary. Dodson and Basham also did well for the Units, but they gave way under constant pressure.

McGreavy and Brittain were most reliable in the Police defence, and Wynne played well, while Fraser again earned much praise in the centre-forward position, though his shooting was not so keen. He kept the line together, however, and was working hard throughout. Pile was the better winger.

MORE NAVY CHANGES.

Two Goals Against the Artillery. It is to be anticipated, I suppose, that the Royal Navy will be subjected to constant changes, but it is not likely to make for success. Several new faces appeared in the team against the Royal Artillery, and though they won 2-0 and gained the Navy's first league points, the form shown was not an improvement.

The Artillery were not at full strength. They seem to be going steadily from bad to worse, and have lost three games after winning the first two.

The Navy took the lead ten minutes from the commencement, Skull scoring, while Mann got the second soon after the interval. The game was not strikingly interesting, though there were bright flashes. The Navy showed more cohesive forward play and were sturdier in defence. The margin in their favour did not exaggerate their superiority, though the R.A. might have made a closer game of it had they paid more attention to the ball and less to their opponents. This is not to suggest that they frequently employed tactics that the rules do not permit, but there are times

LAWN TENNIS.

CRAIGENGOWER ENTERTAIN GERMAN CLUB.

The Craigengower tennis team entertained the German Club to a friendly match at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the original fixture arranged for some weeks ago, having been postponed on account of rain.

The home players had a fairly strong team out and won seven of the nine sets played, the final score being 67 games to 32.

Scores:
H. Howard and E. B. Hamson (Craigengower) lost to O. Neidt and F. Artlepp 5-6; beat O. May and B. Soltau 8-3; beat A. Schroter and G. V. Ehren 9-2.

W. Howard and G. Kelly beat Neidt and Artlepp 8-3; beat May and Soltau 8-3; beat Schroter and Ehren 10-1. A. B. Hamson and J. A. Victor beat Neidt and Artlepp 6-5; beat May and Soltau 9-2; lost to Schroter and Ehren 4-7.

Total: Craigengower 67; German Club 32.

HOCKEY.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. 2nd XI in a match at King's Park on Thursday next, against Queen's Regt. "A." Bully-off at 5.00 p.m.:—W. Borrowman; E. G. Sewell; E. McIntyre; W. E. Price; F. S. Smith; G. Mitchell; Tate, J. Purvis, T. Seddon, W. H. Smith and R. Dormer.

when a keen tackle will prove far more serviceable than a hefty charge.

JUNIOR SURPRISE.

Kowloon Reserves Beat South China "A."

The Junior Division matches provided only one surprise, Kowloon Reserves defeating the South China second string. Kowloon put on three goals through King (penalty), Blacklock and Hanan, before South China found their feet. The Chinese scored two goals in the second half, but were easily held. The Royal Navy played smartly against the University, the K.O.S.B. outplayed the Recreo, while South China's third string was not in good form but defeated the Small Units.

THE LAI WAH CUP.

Army Team for Semi-final.

The following team has been chosen to represent The Army in the semi-final, of the Lai Wah Cup Competition, to be played on Saturday, Oct. 27. Goal: Gunner Fletcher, 31st H. Bty. R. A.; backs, Sgt. Hooper, 1st Queens; and Pte. Martin, 2nd K.O.S.B.; half-backs, Pte. Byrne, 1st Queens; S/Sgt. Sims, R.A.M.C. (Captain), Sgt. Skiggs, 2nd K.O.S.B.; forwards, Pte. Everest, 2nd K.O.S.B., Pte. Stock, 2nd K.O.S.B., Sgt. Leach, 31st H. Bty. R.A., Pte. Barclay, 1st Queens, and Sgt. Caldwell, 1st Queens.

Reserves.—Cpl. Dodson, R. A. M. C.; Pte. Alexander, 2nd K.O.S.B.; Pte. Cantor, 1st Queens.

SHAMEEN LAWN TENNIS.

HONG DOUBLES FIRST ROUND.

Shameen, Oct. 20.

The annual tournaments of the Shameen Lawn Tennis Club are now in full swing. The first round of the Hong Doubles has just been completed and resulted as follows:

The Shameen Municipal Council (Mr. C. E. Watson and Captain G. A. Clements) defeated the National City Bank of New York (Mr. C. A. Larsen and Mr. Roberts) 6-1, 6-1.

The Chinese Maritime Customs had a walk-over over the British Consulate, the latter scratching.

The Asiatic Petroleum Company (Mr. Platt and Mr. A. E. Pritchard) defeated the Kwangtung Electric Supply Company, Ltd. (Mr. W. Gilman and Mr. J. Carnegie) 6-2, 6-2.

The United States Consulate (Mr. Bonbright and Mr. Stanton) defeated Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. H. Bowker and Mr. F. Gandossi) 6-1, 6-2. Messrs. Butterfield and Swire (Mr. H. G. Eales and Mr. A. E. Arnold) defeated Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd. (Mr. G. C. Kitching and Mr. L. A. Jeeves) 6-4, 6-4.

The Northern Feather Works, Ltd., had a walk-over over the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, who scratched. Messrs. Deacon & Co., Ltd., had a walk-over over the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, the latter scratched.

Messrs. Gerin, Devard & Co. (Mr. J. Baud and Mr. V. E. O. Ferrier) defeated Messrs. T. E. Griffiths Ltd. (Mr. M. A. Annett and Mr. W. Selfert) 6-4, 6-3.

The Men's Handicap Doubles are also in play, though the first round is not yet completed. Other events opening within a few days are the Mixed Double Handicaps, the Ladies' Handicap Singles, the Ladies' Handicap Doubles, the Ladies' Championships Singles, the Men's Handicap Singles, the Men's Championships Singles, Our Own Correspondent.

M. C. C. DRAW.

ENGLISH TEST TEAM CARRY SCORE TO 400.

Perth, Oct. 20.

The match between the English Test Team and Western Australia was left drawn. The tourists resumed their innings to-day and carried their total of 306 for six wickets to 400. Jardine scored 100. The Australians knocked up 257, just sufficient to prevent a follow on. At the close of play England had scored 26 without loss, the match being left drawn.—Reuter.

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C.R.C. "AT HOME."

WINNERS OF TENNIS LEAGUE CELEBRATE.

MR. HANCOCK'S SPEECH

The Chinese Recreation Club annual "At Home," in conjunction with their celebration on winning the three divisions of the Hongkong Tennis League, was held at Causeway Bay on Saturday afternoon when a large number of friends enjoyed the hospitality of the members of the Club.

In the large and distinguished gathering were His Excellency, the Officer Administering the Government (the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern, C.M.G.) and Mrs. Southern, accompanied by Capt. A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C., Sir Shouson and Lady Chow, the Hon. Dr. R. B. Hancock, president of the Lawn Tennis League.

Opportunity was taken by the Club to entertain the "Rest" of the League at exhibition matches in all three divisions, the champions acquitting themselves well by gaining the honours in each match.

President's Welcome.

Prior to the distribution of prizes by Mrs. Southern, Mr. Ng Sze-kwong, President of the Club, addressing the gathering said:

Your Excellency, Mrs. Southern, Mr. Hancock, Ladies and Gentlemen.—It is my privilege again this year to extend to you, on behalf of the C.R.C., a very cordial welcome. It has always been, and I am sure it will always be, the policy of our Committee to make our annual "At Home" occasions when our members can meet their foreign friends on a day of healthy companionship and in this respect your presence to-day is the more welcome.

We are exceedingly honoured in having with us, His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government, whose presence to-day is indeed encouraging. Our welcome is extended to one who is not only head of the Government, but who is interested in sports for the good of the community. (Applause.)

To Mrs. Southern, too, we feel most grateful for coming here, and for having so kindly consented to distribute the prizes. Mrs. Southern I am sure, needs no introduction. Since her arrival in the colony, many years ago, she has endeared herself to the public by reason of her active association with various social and charitable organizations. The success of the M.C.L. bazaar last year bore ample testimony to her untiring efforts which resulted in a record collection for local and other charities.

I would take this opportunity to wish her and the M.C.L. bazaar, which is coming off again very soon, even better success this year. (Applause.)

Cricket Season.

Before we proceed with the distribution of prizes, I would like to review, very briefly, our sports activities for the past year. In the Cricket League last season, we were seventh out of the teams competing, a position which could be considered as fairly satisfactory, in view of the fact that for several years previous to this we had to fight very hard to avoid being presented with the wooden spoon. Although our performances in the Cricket League have never been very encouraging, yet we cherish a very strong desire to keep up this game as long as we exist, and to take the lessons of cricket with regard to discipline, to extend our guiding principles in our sports activities.

What we could not do in cricket, however, we managed in the Tennis League. We have won all the three divisions for the third time in succession. All our pairs in the teams did exceptionally well, and the brothers went through all their matches with not a single defeat. (Applause.)

Inadequate Grounds.

At present, in view of the inadequacy of space, we have to confine ourselves to only cricket and tennis, and to limit our membership to the facilities available, but it is my earnest hope that the day will come when we can extend our sports activities to meet the needs of a greater percentage of our business community, so that, through them, and the medium of sports, we shall be in a better position to do our bit to support Sir Cecil Clementi's "get together" movement, as I am one of the very strong believers that the sports of the colony, both Chinese and foreign, are capable of doing much more in this direction and to better advantage than other agencies. (Applause.)

Mr. Ng Sze-kwong then asked Mr. Hancock to say a few words.

Mr. Hancock's Remarks.

Mr. Hancock said that before asking Mrs. Southern to distribute the Shields of the three divisions of the Lawn Tennis League, he wished to take the opportunity of congratulating the C.R.C. on the record which they had established in winning all the three trophies for three years in succession. (Applause.)

"It seems to be customary," continued the speaker, "to establish records in various forms of sports, as you have seen in Amsterdam and at home in the cricket field, and it is very fitting that here in Hongkong we should have our records as well. The Chinese R.C., by winning the three Divisions in three years in succession, have established a record very hard to beat." (Applause.)

Mr. Hancock congratulated the Chinese on their success and referring to the First Division said that the club was fortunate in being able to call upon the services of many veterans of the game—such players as the Lo brothers and Ng Sze-

kwong, many-time champion of the Colony, a very solid foundation to work on. Throughout the season they had lost only six sets, winning 48. This was the third time the C.R.C. had performed the "hat-trick," a performance which they had every right to be proud of.

New Shield.

Speaking of the First Division Mr. Hancock mentioned that the Chinese had won the shield seven times altogether and had now won it outright. For a long time the League had been unable to discover the donors of the shield but after a long search they were able to establish that Dr. Forsyth, a great supporter of tennis, was the donor of the Shield, but they had been unable to ascertain what the conditions were.

As the C.R.C. had won the Shield more times than any other Club, the League had pleasure in handing the Shield over to the safe keeping of the Club. (Applause.)

Proceeding, Mr. Hancock said that the League worried for a time about a new Shield for the second division, but they were not kept worrying for long, as a new Shield was presented by Mr. Lo Chung-shui, another ardent supporter of tennis. He was sure that they were all grateful to Mr. Lo for his generosity. (Applause.)

Continuing Mr. Hancock said that he would like to take the opportunity to extend a very hearty vote of thanks to the Chinese Recreation Club for their kindness and generosity to the visitors that afternoon. The "At Home" had become an annual event of many years standing and those of the guests who had had the pleasure of having been invited to the Club on previous occasions left with the great joy that gatherings of that kind did more to dispel misunderstandings or prejudices and were to be thoroughly encouraged.

Mrs. Southern's Thanks.

After giving away the prizes, Mrs. Southern thanked the chairman for his welcome and the kind words he had said about her. She also thanked Mr. Ng Sze-kwong for the reference to the M.C.L. and hoped that the members would help to make the forthcoming fete as big a success as it was last year.

Continuing Mrs. Southern said that she and her husband had looked upon Saturday's function as one of the most successful they had attended and she expressed the hope that she might go again in future, though perhaps in a humbler capacity.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government on being called upon to say a few words, said that he had been very much interested in the sports which he had attended and he had been very much interested in the sports which he had attended and he had been very much interested in the sports which he had attended.

O. A. G.'s Remarks.

Mr. Southern said he would re-echo both Mr. Ng and Mr. Hancock in their references to the "get together" spirit and say that there was nothing like it whether fostered on the tennis court, the cricket field or as in his case, later on, on the bowling green. It also helped them when they met outside on business, to recognize each other and share whatever difficulties which might be before them with that same friendly understanding as in sport.

In conclusion, Mr. Southern said that they were all indebted to the C.R.C. for the opportunity to meet here that afternoon and hoped that opportunity would arise for many more such happy gatherings.

Mrs. Southern then presented with a bouquet in a silver vase by Miss Cheung, daughter of the Hon. Treasurer of the C.R.C.

Results of Matches.

The tennis matches played resulted as follows:

"A" Division.

Dr. Tottenham and J. S. McEachran (Rest) lost to Ng Sze-kwong and C. Chan, 3-8; lost to K. L. Ho and T. C. Lu, 5-6.

S. A. and H. D. Runjahn (Rest) beat M. K. and M. W. Lo, 6-5; beat L. Ho and T. C. Lu, 6-0.

S. E. Green and J. C. Laurie (Rest) lost to M. K. and M. W. Lo, 5-6; lost to Ng Sze-kwong and C. Chan, 4-7.

"B" Division.

W. A. Nowers and R. M. Henderson (Rest) lost to Lau Man-ching and Ng Kam-chung, 4-7; beat H. Lo and W. Hung, 6-5; lost to Kwok Po-kan and Ma Wan-but, 2-0.

Lo Tui-lam and Ho Wai-hing (Rest) lost to Lau Man-ching and Ng Kam-chung, 4-7; lost to H. Lo and W. Hung, 5-6; lost to Kwok Po-kan and Ma Wan-but, 2-0.

"C" Division.

C. Barretto and H. A. Barros (Rest) lost to Cheung Chi-wing and Chan Wah-poo, 4-7; lost to Chin Tsun-chin and Lau Man-kwong, 7-4; lost to Choy Ping-fan and Ip Kau, 5-6.

O. H. Atkins and H. A. Noronha (Rest) beat Cheung Chi-wing and Chan Wah-poo, 6-5; lost to Chin Tsun-chin and Lau Man-kwong, 5-6; lost to Choy Ping-fan and Ip Kau, 3-8.

Prize List.

The following is the list of prizes: Hongkong Tennis League Shield—"A" Division—Captain M. K. Lo. Hongkong Tennis League Shield—"B" Division—Captain C. Chan. Hongkong Tennis League Shield—"C" Division—Captain C. Chan.

ATHLETIC MEETING.

SOUTH CHINA HOLD ANNUAL SPORTS YESTERDAY.

The annual athletic meeting of the South China Athletic Association was held at Caroline Hill yesterday afternoon. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Kotewall, the wife of the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, while Mr. Li Yau-tsun, chairman of the Association, made a few fitting remarks about the occasion.

The results were: 100 Metres Dash.—1, Wong Shiu-leung; 2, Mak Kwok-chun; 3, Ip Pak-wai. Time: 11. 3/6 secs. 100 Metres Students' Race (Open to S. C. A. A. Schools).—1, Lam King-lai; 2, Pok Man-ki; 3, Lui Tam-yau. Time: 15 1/2 secs. (B). 1, Pun Kai-cheung; 2, Leung Kau-ho; 3, Lam Cho-hin. Time: 17 secs. 800 Metres Race.—1, Cheng Lui-mui; 2, Leung Mo-yung; 3, Yung Yiu-chau. Time: 2 mins. 20 secs. 100 Metres Flat Race (Open to S. C. A. A. Boy Scouts).—(A) Shiu Kwok-mui; 2, Kwok Wai-cho; 3, Luk Tat-hang. Time: 15 1/2 secs. (B). 1, Pun Kai-cheung; 2, Leung Kau-ho; 3, Lam Cho-hin. Time: 17 secs. 800 Metres Race.—1, Cheng Lui-mui; 2, Leung Mo-yung; 3, Yung Yiu-chau. Time: 2 mins. 20 secs. 100 Metres Flat Race (Open to S. C. A. A. Boy Scouts).—(A) Shiu Kwok-mui; 2, Kwok Wai-cho; 3, Luk Tat-hang. Time: 15 1/2 secs. (B). 1, Pun Kai-cheung; 2, Leung Kau-ho; 3, Lam Cho-hin. Time: 17 secs. 800 Metres Race.—1, Cheng Lui-mui; 2, Leung Mo-yung; 3, Yung Yiu-chau. 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MUI TSAI SCANDAL AGAIN.

PETITION FOR ENFORCEMENT OF LAW.

REGISTRATION ASKED.

A new attack on the mui tsai system in Hongkong was launched on the occasion of the annual meeting of the local Anti-Mui-Tsai Society, on Saturday. The Chairman, claiming that the system was still in full operation in the Colony, urged the enforcement of registration provided for in the Ordinance of 1923.

Addressing the large gathering of members, the Chairman, Mr. Young Shui-chuen, said:

"Ladies and gentlemen, the annual meeting of the Society to-day is one which differs slightly from its predecessors, because in addition to giving you a report on the work of the past year, together with the accounts, we are going to elect new officials, and also consider a proposal that, since the Society has been established for six years and seven months, the regulations drawn up such a long time ago may not be suitable for the requirements of to-day.

The large attendance to-day proves the enthusiasm and sincerity of the public in response to the call for humanitarian work.

Since the resignation of our first chairman, Mr. J. M. Wong, I have had the honour of occupying the post for the past few years, but regret to say that what we have accomplished during this period towards reaching our goal has been insignificant. It is my desire that someone else be elected to the post to-day, and that the mui tsai system may be abolished for ever.

Petition to Government.

Another factor which I wish to emphasise is that, with the approval and support of you gentlemen, the Society intends to petition the Hongkong Government to enforce the Female Domestic Service Ordinance of 1923. What the Association most sincerely desires is that all owners of mui tsai should register the latter at the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, and also fix the amount of wages to be paid to mui tsai.

It will be recalled that some time ago, I, for one, believed that the registration of mui tsai could be postponed, for on the 14th of April, 1922, the Secretary for Chinese Affairs prohibited the purchasing and using of mui tsai. Meanwhile the Magistracy displayed severity in the imposing of sentences for cruelty to mui tsai by master or mistress.

The effect of all this was that the majority of those who possessed mui tsai took precautions, and showed consideration in their treatment. We then believed that this inhuman system would be abandoned once and for all, and that it might not be necessary for the Association to continue to function any longer.

Unfortunately, the outcome was not what we expected, and recently it has been reliably learned that the practice of the system is continuing in Chinese circles, with the exception, perhaps, that the owners exercised some discretion. Despite these deplorable reports, we have comforted ourselves with the belief that the practice having been in force for many years in the past, could not be discarded in such a short time.

Effect of Propaganda.

We decided to give the owners of mui tsai the opportunity to abandon their old habits gradually, and simultaneously the Society did its utmost to disseminate propaganda in newspapers and other directions, to enlighten the public on the many evils pertaining to the system. The propaganda in some cases produced wonderful results, and succeeded in bringing justice to those mui tsai who were ill-treated, whilst in other cases they were able to go back to their parents.

Though the Society has all the time continued with its work, some years have elapsed and the much-disapproved of system continues unhampered. What is most regrettable is that the number of mui tsai, who have personally come to the Society giving reports of cruelty shows an increase.

In addition, every month there are letters addressed to the Society informing us of many cases of ill-treatment of this class of unfortunate souls. Most of these letters fail to give the names and addresses of the inconsiderate master and mistress, thus the Society has not been able to take any effective steps.

Now we have all come to the realization that if we do not petition the Government to enforce registration of mui tsai, the system will most certainly continue. In other words if the Society fails in carrying out this movement, our work of the past six or seven years can be said to have been

ruined and nothing, in fact, will have been done."

The Chairman next referred in some detail to the statement, made in March, 1923, by the spokesman of the London Colonial Office, in answer to a question in the House of Commons declaring that he had indicated to the then Governor of Hongkong that he wished that the mui tsai system be regulated within a year's time.

The Pros. and Cons.

The chairman then stated that objections to the registration of mui tsai were principally as follows:

(1) It was feared by some that the men sent to visit houses to carry out registration would extort money or receive bribes from the masters of the mui tsai, but careful consideration would convince them that this supposition was not logical. Certainly they could not dispense with the whole matter simply because a few members of the police force might be found to "squeeze" money from Chinese street hawkers. He believed that if registration were enforced for 12 years, the mui tsai system would vanish altogether.

(2) Other objections were, that undesirable characters may pose as policemen and enter houses, or that the investigators may interfere with the peace of homes.

He continued.—According to private estimates, there are about 10,000 mui tsai in Hongkong, and according to the investigation of some six years ago, there were in Hongkong and on the mainland a total of 8,653 mui tsai, of whom 5,758 were under the age of 14.

If the Government should enforce registration, in six years' time the 6,000 or more mui tsai now about 14 or 15 years old will be at a mature age. The majority of them can be married, whilst the rest can earn their own living as free housemaids.

Another good factor in the registration system is that quite a number of the owners will be willing to hand over their mui tsai to the Government's public ward or similar places under the supervision of the Government. Furthermore, most of the parents of the mui tsai will be willing to take their daughters back provided they have the consent of the owners.

Other good points of the registration will be:

(1) To obtain the exact number of mui tsai.

(2) To prevent secret buying and selling of girls.

(3) To decrease the kidnapping evil.

(4) To enable us to enforce the Domestic Servants Ordinance of 1923 and make this law more effective.

We hope to abolish the whole mui tsai system in 12 years, by providing that registered mui tsai will be given full freedom on reaching the age of 18.

Now it is clear why registration should be enforced. It is understood that to put this into effect will involve considerable work and time, but, gentlemen, the reward of our work will be the freedom of the thousands of young girls who are now under bond. It is therefore proposed to petition the Government, and we hope this will have the support of you all."

Proposed Petition.

The proposed petition to the Government, and the proposed draft regulations governing the registration of mui tsai, were then announced, as follows:

Registration Regulations (mui tsai).

(1) After the announcement of the registration law all mui tsai should be registered within six months' time.

(2) The deeds providing for the bondage of the girls should be tendered to and destroyed by the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, who in turn should give the master or mistress another form, giving him or her rights over the mui tsai.

(3) Both the master and the mui tsai should personally attend at the registration office during the registration, when it should be explained to the master that in future he would have to treat the girls as ordinary servants. Meanwhile, it would give the mui tsai the opportunity to understand her future position, and the treatment she may expect to receive from her master.

(4) The owner should report to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs at any time if a mui tsai is leaving the Colony, if she is going to marry, or she reaches the age of 18, when she may secure her full freedom.

(5) In case any mui tsai should happen to pass through and stay in Hongkong for over two weeks, the master or mistress should report the fact to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, and when the girl leaves the Colony, should report the fact to the same office. For those of the mui tsai who stay in Hongkong for over a month, the master or mistress should give her up to the Po Leung Kuk, awaiting the coming of the girl's parents to claim her.

(6) Wages should be fixed for the mui tsai, as follows.—From 12

to 14 years old, 50 cents a month; from 15 to 17, \$1 a month; whilst those who are over 18 can work as a free maid-servant under a former master or mistress, or go to other employment, but must first report to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, stating that the age has been reached.

(7) All mui tsai who are ill-treated, not registered, or delayed in Hongkong for over the given period should be entrusted to the Po Leung Kuk, and the latter should advertise in the newspapers for the parents or near relatives to come and claim her. The Po Leung Kuk should execute this duty free for the mui tsai's parents.

Regulations for Adopted Daughters.

(1) Parents of all adopted daughters should register the names of the latter not more than six months after the promulgation of the law. After that period those who want to register should be required to furnish proof from a solicitor, confirming that the girl is adopted.

(2) The deed of the adoption should be tendered to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs, who should place on it a mark confirming that the girl is an adopted daughter.

(3) The adopted daughter should be present during the registration, to enable her to understand her future position as a daughter of the family.

(4) The parents of the adopted girl should provide the latter with an education similar to that given to their own daughters.

(5) A heavy fine should be imposed on those who employ an adopted daughter as a mui tsai, and imprisonment if they employ or sell her for prostitution.

The Government should also proclaim a law strictly forbidding the selling and purchasing of girls without the presence and proof of a solicitor, proving that the girl is adopted and purchasing as a daughter. A breach of this law should be penalised with imprisonment, while persons directly connected with the unlawful deal should be liable to a heavy fine.

Annual Report.

The annual report of the Anti-Mui Tsai Society was then read by Mr. K. Y. Ngan. He said:

Ladies and gentlemen, your presence at this meeting to-day has filled us all with extreme pleasure, and I am sure your showing up here now proves the very deep interest and concern you always entertain in the cause and affairs of this Society. Since the general meeting we convened in July of last year, more than a year has elapsed; but I am glad to say that all the time those on the committee have done their very best in carrying on the work of the Society and, above all, in promoting its worthy cause; and what they have done may partly have been evinced by reports in newspapers, while part of it had to be kept secret and confidential when circumstances so required. We always take to heart the heavy burden on our shoulders, and at the same time bear in mind the hard conditions of the mui tsai. In this you will join us in showing sympathy.

I regret to say that we have not succeeded in influencing the Government to put through the registration of mui tsai with the proper authorities, and consequently this cursed system has not yet been wiped out from the community. Reports of cruelty and ill-treatment to mui tsai are no less often heard than before. As our attempt failed at the eradication of this evil, we have now directed our efforts to cope with it by way of diminishing the individual cases of cruelty. We have advertised in two vernacular papers to the effect that all suppressed mui tsai who have been badly treated by their masters or mistresses may appeal to this Society and make the complaint to the chairman, who would then bring their grievances before the Government and have them redressed. The complainants may state their names and addresses, which the Society will undertake to keep confidential. At this juncture, I have the pleasure to mention that the expenses involved in such advertising for the whole year have been defrayed through the generosity of Dr. Ma Luk, to whom our hearty thanks are due.

Not in Vain.

This advertising of our cause and appeal to the public has not been in vain, and has carried its weight wonderfully. From time to time we have received reports from complainants calling for our help, and in response we have never failed to come to their assistance. Among these we may mention those who have been freed and returned to the custody of their parents without being required to give a refund to their masters or mistresses. These are the daughter of Peon Fung Lin, the daughter of Mrs. Kan, and Lau Chai-ying. There have been some

cases in which the mistresses tried to demand big sums of money as redemption from the mui tsai's parents, and through the Society's influence they promised to give up their demands, when some institution intervened with arbitration, making the parents pay half the redemption; these being the cases of So Cheuk-Kiu, Li Hung, and Tse Sham-koo. This was, of course, much against our will and purpose, which always aims at complete emancipation by acting on the Government's instructions without paying any redemption, or any part of it, by the parents.

Very often reports of cruelty had been found true and confirmed by inquiries made by the Society, but the detectives sent by the authorities to make the necessary enquiry would return with contrary reports and entirely different stories. With a view to overcoming this difficulty, however, the committee of the society has approached the Government to get permission to allow our English secretary to go together with the detectives to make enquiry into any case dealt with by the Society, so that the real state of affairs may be investigated and a true and reliable report be made. But whether this step of procedure will be approved still remains to be seen.

Support Needed.

Meanwhile, should any case of cruelty occur, our committee would have no right to interfere and investigate unless the case should also come to the notice of the police authorities. At a meeting of the committee last month, a resolution was unanimously passed that the Government be approached again in order to enforce the registration of mui tsai, so that present ones might be given safe protection, while the sale of innocent daughters as slave girls might also be discontinued. This is what we have done so far in furthering our cause, and we now entreat your support and assistance.

As to the financial standing of the society, it is by no means sound as its income depends largely on subscriptions from its members. Some time ago we started to collect the subscription for this year, but the results were poor and rather disheartening. Thanks to the generosity of Dr. Ma Luk and Mrs. Fung Hsueh-chuen, our efforts were rewarded, for they each donated \$50 to the Society's funds. The expenditure of the Society is rather small, since we have only to pay for advertisements, printing, and some stationery. However, the work of the Society is decidedly burdensome, and it is up to you to see it through; therefore whether we can achieve our object of getting rid of this inhuman social evil depends on how you will respond to the appeal voiced by us now.

The Discussion.

The chairman invited discussion on the proposals he had outlined in his opening address in regard to the registration of both mui tsai and adopted daughters.

A member said that they should enforce registration through a penalty clause and he pointed out that such had been overlooked in the proposals. He suggested that failure to register within the prescribed period of six months be penalised by a heavy fine, to be followed by the giving of complete freedom to the girls without such consideration as compensation to the owner.

Another member said that much effective work could be accomplished by personal investigation as in the case of the Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. He discovered a similarity in the work of the two Societies with the exception that theirs had the greater claim to official backing, in the fact that it was a human being whose life's burden they were seeking to lighten.

The authorities had displayed a praiseworthy attitude when they co-operated with members of the S.P.C.A. in these personal investigations. He recalled that quite recently, lady members of that Society went round to the various bird-shops in the town to look into cases of cruelty and that they were on that occasion accompanied by a police officer. If the same procedure was adopted in their own case, and members of the Anti-Mui-Tsai Society were allowed to accompany a police officer in order to investigate fully a report of cruelty, much of the objectionable features to which reference was made by the Chairman in his speech would cease.

Election of Committee.

After further discussion it was agreed to incorporate this suggestion as well as the one for a penalty clause, in the main body of proposals. In their revised form, the proposals were then put to the meeting and passed, the meeting giving full powers to the Executive Committee to present them at the proper time before the authorities.

The revised Articles of Constitution of the Society, which had been in the hands of members for some time, were also passed.

The election of members of the Executive Committee was then proceeded with, and some 30 members were appointed. The Chairman proposed the appointment of Mr. J.D.

THE REPARATIONS PROBLEM.

AN AGREED AMOUNT.

Paris, Oct. 20.

The *New York Herald* (Paris edition) states that the conference between M. Poincaré, Mr. Churchill and Mr. Parker Gilbert, Agent General of Reparations Payments, agreed to fix Germany's debt to the allies within practicable limits at a sum well below the 132 milliards of marks, decided on under the London Agreement of 1921.

The *Ouvrier* understands that Mr. Churchill emphasised that the British Government would reject anything which might appear to be in the nature of pressure upon America or even simply an appeal to American generosity.

An authoritative statement further says that France and Britain have reached satisfactory conclusions as regards the essentials and minimum demands in connexion with reparations from Germany. They now seek the approval of Italy, Belgium and Japan, and it is possible that a conference to discuss the matter will meet in Berlin in December with a semi-official American observer present.

The Versailles Treaty fixed the reparations at \$26,650,000,000 but the Dawes Plan reduced them tentatively to \$2,500,000,000.

Mr. Parker Gilbert favours a further reduction.—*Reuter*.

Bush as Hon. English Secretary. The post was a responsible one, and Mr. C. G. Anderson, who recently resigned from it owing to pressure of business, deserved the thanks of the Society for the able manner in which he had filled it.

Mr. J.D. Bush was unanimously appointed Hon. English Secretary, and Mr. Ngan, Hon. Chinese Secretary.

Before the meeting terminated, the Chairman said it was their unanimous hope that the aims of the Society would soon be realised, and he urged the newly-elected members of the Committee to do their best to bring this about. The mui tsai system had existed in their midst as an evil. It was always condemned and put out of the law by the Chinese Nationalist Government in a recent edict and he hoped that the Government of this colony which had been responsible for many beneficial reforms would not be long in falling into line and dealing with a practice which admittedly had many evils.

FRIENDS OF DUMB ANIMALS.

HONGKONG ESSAY COMPETITION.

The S.P.C.A., co-operating with the local Boy Scouts and Girl Guides Associations, have organised annual prize essay competition for the troops in each association, one of the conditions being that each troop must work up the subject chosen for it and then delegate a member to write the essay.

This year, the prize has gone to Douglas Hunt, of the Fifth Troop of Scouts. A good effort was submitted by M. H. Murphy, of the 1st Sea Scouts. Phyllis Anderson, of the 2nd Kowloon Company, was awarded the prize for the Girl Guides, but as there was a misinterpretation of the subject, states Mr. D. H. Blake, the chairman of the S.P.C.A., it is not thought that the Guides' essays are sufficiently interesting for publication.

Sir Henry Pollock very kindly presented a challenge cup for the Boy Scouts competition, and the S.P.C.A. has presented a challenge cup for the Girl Guides.

HONOUR FOR EDISON.

FIFTY YEARS OF ELECTRIC LIGHT CELEBRATED.

Washington, Oct. 21. President Coolidge has joined in a nation-wide tribute which is being broadcast on the occasion of the fiftieth anniversary of Mr. T. A. Edison's inventing the incandescent electric lamp.

Mr. Mellon has presented Mr. Edison with a Congressional medal struck in his honour.

The original electric lamp is now in South Kensington Museum.—*Reuter's American Service*.

GERMAN AVIATOR.

PLANS TO FLY ACROSS PACIFIC TO SEATTLE.

Tokyo, Oct. 21. Baron von Huenefeld is making preparations for a flight across the Pacific to Seattle, via the Aleutian Islands. The "Europa" is being repaired and Baron von Huenefeld is expected to hop off on the 28th or 29th of this month.—*Reuter*.

THE U.S. PRESIDENCY.

RELIGIOUS ISSUE TAKES A PROMINENT PLACE.

New York, Oct. 21. Governor Al. Smith, speaking in Chicago in a final campaign address in the Middle West, accused the present administration of a "reaction to Bourbonism," and charged the Republicans with a lack of policy as regards many important problems, including "the corruption attending the enforcement of Prohibition."

Mr. Hoover will deliver an important speech in his rival's chief stronghold on October 22.

Religious Controversy. The religious issue continues to be a prominent matter of controversy, owing to the Southern Methodist Bishop Cannon accusing the Roman Catholic Church of intensive propaganda for Governor Smith through the Catholic newspapers.

The latter have replied denying that the tenor of their articles has been so influenced.—*Reuter's American Service*.

That Transval Vote.

Johannesburg, Oct. 19. It is impossible positively to disprove the allegation that Mr. Hoover, the American presidential candidate, voted in the Transval election years ago.

The Secretary to the Mayor has replied to the query from New York that all records of the Municipal Election of the time mentioned were destroyed long ago.—*Reuter*.

Mr. Houghton Named.

New York, Oct. 21. The former Ambassador to London, Mr. A. B. Houghton, has been nominated a Republican Senator for New York.—*Reuter's American Service*.

FOSSILS RETURNED.

ANDREWS EXPEDITION GETS POSSESSION OF CASES.

Peking, Oct. 21. The cases belonging to the Andrews Expedition were handed over to Mr. Roy Chapman Andrews yesterday after they had been opened and examined by a representative of the National Government. The fossils will be sent to America provided duplicates are left in China.—*Reuter*.

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CHAPTER XVI.

But when Orange came into the drawing room Mrs. Priestly was already there. She smiled benignly, and handed Orange the telegram.

"You were in such a hurry when you came in that I could not give it to you," she said, pointedly. "Now, I fear, the news is old news, even though it is good news."

Orange read the telegram carefully. So Walter had thought it worth while to deceive her up to that point. Her heart hardened. When he came into the room and looked eagerly towards her, she made no response and sat in lonely silence. She could see that he was hurt by her manner, but what right had he to be hurt?

"We had a visitor to-day," Mrs. Priestly said, from her side of the table. "Orange had a headache, and you certainly do look pinched and pale, my dear—so missed him. Not that I at all approve of the young man." She drank her soup a little noisily.

"A very nice fellow," Walter said. "I've asked him to come to dinner to-morrow night, Orange. If that suits you, he's staying in Lympdon."

"Not a very nice fellow," Mrs. Priestly laughed her throaty laugh. "Do not let us mis-use words, Walter. A very captivating personality, but not nice. Nice is a word we reserve for more admirable individuals. Lord Stavelling has a record of which it is wiser not to speak." She closed her eyes for a second.

"I thought him fearfully handsome," Ada said, with a furtive glance towards Orange. "He's been married," she added, "and people say—"

"Never mind what people say," Mrs. Priestly reproved her. "Let us at least be charitable. There was some talk of an engagement between him and one of these empty-headed society girls, but he seems to have escaped her toils, for I asked him if it was not the fact that he was to be married, and he said not."

Orange moved abruptly, upsetting her wine glass. "I should be sorry for any one he married," she said, bitterly.

"But I thought you didn't know him," Ada said, quickly, of him. "Everyone has heard of him," Walter interposed, bending over Orange and repairing the damage with his table-napkin. "It hasn't anything to do with us."

"But would you like me to be engaged to him?" Ada laughed, rather loudly.

"There, Orange, that's all right now—it's hardly practical politics, Ada."

"He may have reformed," Mrs. Priestly said, slowly. "How can we tell? Humanly speaking, it is not very probable, but he may have. A good wife would make a vast difference to him or to any man."

White to the lips, Orange sat silently looking down to the end of the table, where Walter watched her uneasily.

Ada began afresh. "Apparently it's rather compromising to be seen with Lord Stavelling. I was almost afraid to tell you about him, Mamma, but—"

"I hope I am broad-minded," Mrs. Priestly sighed. "I hope so. Nevertheless, a girl cannot be too careful and reputations are easily smirched."

"No one we know is involved in all this," Walter interrupted.

MACAO FAIR.

MANILA SHOWS WILL BE SEEN.

Mr. F. G. Eca da Silva, Secretary for the Macao Charity and Commercial Fair, which opens at Macao on November 3rd, has made arrangements for the transportation of the Manila Shows to furnish the entertainment features at the Fair.

The Manila Shows arrive in Hongkong on October 30th direct from Penang, and the other attractions, also operated by Churchill and Tait, are coming to Macao direct from Java.

The Manila Shows are novel in many ways. In the first place they have several attractions that are entirely new to this part of the country, although they have been operating successfully in Java and India for several years.

The Manila Shows programme consist of several riding displays as seen in the big fairs in England. There will also be a number of tent shows, several of them of considerable merit including a Filipino circus, a variety show, hula dancers, a magic show, and some smaller attractions.

It is possible that Hongkong will be favoured with a visit from this large organization as they will pass through here after the Macao fair

"THE STUDENT PRINCE."

FAMOUS ROYAL ROMANCE.

Building entire towns, great castles and railways are among the modern tasks of the screen producer. All of these were constructed as part of the massive settings of "The Student Prince." Ernst Lubitsch's huge Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer production which will be seen at the Queen's Theatre from Wednesday to Saturday next, according to a special advertisement in this issue. Roman Novarr, the hero of "Ben-Hur," and beautiful Norma Shearer lead a huge cast of players. Based on the famous stage play, the story deals with the love of a Prince for a peasant maid. The picture involved perhaps the most elaborate building activity in the history of the screen. In addition to thirty five principals who appear in this great romantic screen play, there are over two thousand extras. The cast, among others includes George K. Arthur, Jean Hersholt, Otis Harlan and Philippe De Lacy.

en route to Manila, where they will furnish the main attractions at the Carnival.

LAWN BOWLS.

RECREIO GAIN PROMOTION TO FIRST DIVISION.

The Championship of the second Division in the Lawn Bowls League was decided on Saturday when Club de Recreio "A" team played their last match against the Yacht Club and won easily by 27 shots. The Portuguese team thus gain promotion to the First Division for the next season while their place in the Second will be taken by Civil Service, unless it is decided to maintain an even number of teams in each division.

The Portuguese team had the advantage of home ground, but even then one rink suffered a heavy reverse. Davies and his men gaining a lead of 18 shots for the Yacht Club. On the other two rinks, the home team won by substantial margins.

The fight for runners-up honours on the Taikoo greens proved an interesting match between the hosts and the Civil Service team, who during the earlier part of the season had hopes of carrying off the championship. The dock players, however, settled the question of second place by winning by 17 shots. They have one more match to play, this being against the Yacht Club.

Recreio v Yacht Club.

Recreio "A"	Yacht Club
C. F. Vas	Deacon
P. X. Soares	Bentley
C. A. Lopes	Carpenter
P. A. Yvanovich	L. J. Davies
H. Alves	Sutton
C. Rodrigues	Murdoch
C. Marques	Wool
A. Ribeiro	31 A. L. Shields
F. X. Silva	E. Abraham
L. C. R. Sousa	P. W. Ramsay
G. C. Silva	T. H. Brayfield
R. F. Luz	28 G. Edwards
	70
	43

Taikoo v Civil Service.

On their own green, Taikoo Recreation Club defeated Civil Service Cricket Club by 17 shots.

Recreio "A"	Civil Service
D. Young	L. Whant
C. S. Cameron	W. J. Bickford
J. Sloan	Holland
D. Munro	28 S. E. Alderman
D. C. Spiers	F. H. Holdman
S. Hope	L. E. Longbottom
E. Moore	26 R. T. Taylor
R. M. Keown	S. Eccleshall
Craig	C. E. Jones
T. Young	J. R. Archibald
H. McKechnie	16 J. Massey
	70
	53

Kowloon C.C. v Craignower. Crossing the harbour, Craignower Cricket Club defeated Kowloon Cricket Club by 12 shots. One rink tied at 18-18. Scores:

Kowloon C.C.	Craignower.
I. Giffins	Pearce
G. Wragge	Cavanagh
J. P. Robinson	W. Nicholson
B. Petheram	16 H. Beer
E. D. Shank	F. K. Modi
T. B. Smith	S. Flegg
J. Howe	T. Lunny
F. G. Herridge	15 A. A. Hanzek
Burford	A. E. Coates
L. Jack	D. K. Khanna
C. J. Tarehi	T. Lewis
W. W. Hirst	18 F. T. Knott
	49
	01

League Tables.

Recreio "A"	P. W. D. L. Pts.
Recreio "A"	16 13 - 3 26
Taikoo R.C.	15 11 - 4 22
Civil Service C.C.	16 10 1 5 21
Craignower C.C.	16 8 - 8 16
Kowloon B.C.C.	15 7 1 7 16
Kowloon C.C.	16 6 1 9 13
Recreio "B"	15 5 1 9 11
Yacht Club	15 4 - 11 8
East Point R.C.	16 4 - 12 8

Shots Shots

Recreio "A"	For	Agst.	Up	Dn.
Taikoo R. C.	1,108	716	392	—
Civil Service	881	870	11	—
Craignower	1,016	853	163	—
Kowloon B.C.C.	889	934	—	45
Kowloon C.C.	952	824	128	—
Kowloon C.C.	908	999	—	91
Recreio "B"	807	935	—	128
Yacht Club	724	846	—	122
East Point R.C.	796	1,104	—	308

SPEY ROYAL CUP.

Recreio Beaten by Civil Service at Craignower.

In one of the most exciting matches yet played in the Spey Royal Cup competition, the Civil Service rink defeated a four from the Club de Recreio on the Craignower C.C. green yesterday afternoon by the narrowest possible margin.

The scoring was very low, the Happy Valley players getting 14 shots against their opponents' 13. The Portuguese players had the lead for the major part of the game, being five up at the end of the sixth head, the Civil Service team having yet to register their first point. Slowly but gradually, however, the Civil Service rink began to decrease this deficit and at the end of the 15th head the score stood at 10 shots all.

At the end of the 16th head the Valley players took the lead for the first time and after a close and exciting finish won by 14 shots to 13.

The winners now enter the final, but will have to wait until the match between the East Point and the Yacht Club is concluded this afternoon before the other semi-final is decided. In the same bracket as the Yacht Club and East Point are the League champions, the Craignower C.C.

Yesterday's scores were:

Recreio	Civil Service
C. Marques	T. D. E. Fendered
C. Silva	J. Denkin
A. C. Ribeiro	J. Halliday
R. F. Luz	18 A. W. Grimmit

V.R.C. AQUATICS.

VETERAN RETAINS THE LEADERSHIP.

The Victoria Recreation Club Aquatic Sports were continued on Saturday afternoon, commencing at 2.30, when the Quarter Mile Championship, the 100 yards Ladies' Championship, 100 yards Boys' Championship, 100 yards Team Race, High Dive and 150 yards Handicap for Members were swum off.

There was a poor attendance when the heats for the Boys' Championship were staged. In the final, J. Amory, led from the start and was an easy winner from F. Sterling, the respective times being 72 1/5 seconds and 84 1/5 seconds, with R. Wood third. In the Quarter Mile, C. J. Cooke, D. Lyon and L. R. Pereira were the only contestants. Pereira led over five lengths with the others close up. Cooke caught up in the sixth and was always increasing a close lead. Lyon was badly left and the race finished with Cooke an easy winner in 5 minutes, 49 seconds, which equalled Lyon's record in 1924.

The Ladies' Championship was a family affair, with the Misses D. and P. Hunt and the Misses M. and D. George taking part. Beatrice the Hunt ladies led from the start, but were soon caught up by Miss D. George, who went ahead from the second lap and won in 91 1/5 seconds, with Miss D. Hunt second in 95 3/5 seconds.

The Team Race for six-a-side drew only one entry and that from the V.R.C. The course was swum over with the following times: J. R. Johnstone, 62 sec.; D. Lyon, 64 sec.; S. V. Giffins, 64 2/4 sec.; L. R. Pereira, 66 sec.; C. J. Cooke, 69 sec.; W. F. Kerr, 73 sec. Total time 6 mins. 38 2/5 sec.

E. A. da Rosa defeated Iggleaden in the High Dive by 84 points to 74 points.

The 150 yards Members' Handicap attracted three entries, Messrs. Fortaita, Johnstone and Remedios, with Johnstone conceding 22 seconds. Johnstone failed to make good his handicap and after a thrilling race between Remedios and Fortaita, the former gained the victory by 1/5 second in 1 min. 55 1/5 seconds.

Long Plunge. At the resumption of the annual sports yesterday morning, the two championship events decided were the Long Plunge and Throwing the Polo Ball.

In the first-named event, C. J. Cooke revealed himself to be well ahead of other competitors. He made a correct entry in all three tries and kept an undeviated course which helped him over a much greater distance than that attained by less experienced plungers. His first effort was over a distance of 68 feet 7 inches, this being improved by a further 4 1/2 inches in the final plunge.

Cornwall Club, a Chinese competitor, showed gradually improved form as he proceeded from one try to another. His first distance was 51 feet 8 1/2 inches, his next 62 feet, and his final 64 feet 2 inches. He won second place in the contest.

Ko Yau-cheung was third, his distance being 54 feet 10 inches. S. E. Edgar and L. Cpl. Branch were other competitors.

Throwing the Polo Ball. D. Lyon's first throw in this event made the full length of the bath with plenty of force yet to spare. As it was, the ball was stopped short by the end of the bath, and he had to be content with an official record of 69 feet 6 inches. It proved to be his best throw, his other distances in the two next tries being 63 feet 6 inches and 66 feet 6 inches respectively.

Pte. Rodgers was the only other competitor, and his best throw was 58 feet 6 inches.

It is announced that there will be no Chinese honour race to-day as there have not been enough entries to warrant holding it.

HONOLULU MURDER SEQUEL.

JAPANESE SENTENCED TO DEATH.

Honolulu, Oct. 15. Myles Yutaku Fukunaga, a Japanese, who kidnapped and killed Gill Jamieson, the 10-year-old son of a Honolulu banker, last month, was sentenced to-day to be hanged on Oct. 23.

A later message says a motion for a new trial is to be argued. A new trial is sought in order to present evidence that Fukunaga is insane.

Governor Farrington received a petition to-day, signed by the leading Japanese of Hawaii, asking for a stay of execution until Fukunaga's sanity can be investigated.

ECONOMIC ADVISERS.

NATIONALISTS SEEK AID FROM AMERICANS.

Nanking, Oct. 21. The Nationalist Government has invited Mr. Henry Ford, Mr. Owen Young of Daves plan fame, Mr. R. M. Harper the American banker, Professor Seligmann of Columbia University, the economist, and Professor Jeremiah Jenks, Professor of Economics of New York University, to become "honorary economic advisers to assist the Government in its reconstruction schemes.—Reuter.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.
CAMP, CAMP, FAME, FARE,
FIRE, FILE, FILL, GILL, GIRL.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1355 s.
Chartered Bank, \$22 b.
Moroantile A. & B., \$34 n.
P. and O. \$91 n.
East As's \$77 1/2 b.

Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$675 s.
Union Ins., \$350 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.
China Underwriters, \$255 b.
China Fire, \$275 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$300 s.

Shipping.
Douglasse, \$381 n.
H. K. Steamboats, \$261 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$180 s.
Indo-China, (Dof.) \$721 b.
Shell Trans., 115/- n.
Union Waterboats, \$23 b.

Mining.
Benguet, \$225 b.
Kailans, 67/- b.
Lampkate, Tls. 101 s.
Shai Exploration, Tls. 2.80 b.
Raub, \$4.25 n.
Tronoh, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.
Kowloon Wharves, \$1381 n.
Whampoa Docks, \$37 n.
China Providents \$5.70 s.
Hongkows, Tls. 156 n.
New Engineering, Tls. 51 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 106 b.

Cottons.
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 11 10 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2.50 s.
Shai Cottons, Tls. 62 (old) sa.

Lands, Hotels, etc.
H. and S. Hotels, \$3.90 s.
H. K. Lands, \$67 n.
Shai Lands Tls. 138 b.
Humphreys, \$15.55 b.
Realities, \$9.15 n.

Public Utilities.
Tramways, \$22.61 b.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 b.
Star Ferries, \$67 b.
China Lights, (old) \$13.50 b.
H. K. Electric, \$521 b.
Macao Electric, \$261 b.
Telephones \$5.80 X. Rights b.
China Buses, Tls. 11 b.
Singapore Tractors, 12/- n.

Industrials.
China Sugars, \$1 n.
Malabona, \$19 b.
Canton Icos, \$3.50 s.
Coments (Comb.) \$9.80 b.
Ropes (Old) \$7.60 b.
United Asbestos \$5 n.

Stores &c.
Dairy Farms, \$22.75 b.
Watsons, \$141 b.
Der A. Wing, .50 n.
Lane Crawfords, \$3.05 b.
Mackintosh, \$20 n.
Sincoras, \$9.50 b.
Wm. Powells, \$3.55 b.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$29 s.
Constructions, \$1.50 b.
Bique Ind. G. Bonds, 64 1/2
H. K. 'G' Loan 8 1/2 b.

"BEAU GESTE."

FAMOUS FILM COMING TO WORLD.

Cinema-goers will be delighted to learn from a special advertisement appearing in this issue that "Beau Geste" the big film which drew crowded houses during its run at the Queen's will be screened again at the World Theatre from Wednesday to Saturday. The magnificent broad sweep of this drama of the French Foreign Legion has never before been surpassed, nor has there ever been a finer theme more masterfully executed, than that of the devotion of three young brothers, and their smiling unflinching sacrifice for each other. The epic note of "Beau Geste" is struck in the opening scenes. A detachment of the Foreign Legion is shown on its way across the African Desert to relieve a fort which has been attacked by Arabs. Arriving, the commander of the relieving force finds no sign of Arabs, and his glass reveals a soldier standing at every embrasure in the walls ready to fire on an enemy. A bugle call elicits no response. Not a man stirs, and the gates remain closed. The major goes close to the walls and discovers the alert sentries to be—all dead. The leading players are Ronald Colman, Alice Joyce, Noah Berry, Mary Brian, Neil Hamilton, William Powell, Ralph Forbes, Norman Trevor, and Victor McLaglen. Owing to the unusual length of the picture performances start promptly at the special times advertised, namely 2.30, 5.00, 7.15 and 9.30 and the picture begins immediately after the overture.



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OLD VESSEL UNDER NEW HOUSE FLAG.

Under the house flag of the Ho Hong S. S. Company, the Hong Kheng, ex Ling Nam, registered her first appearance in the port yesterday. Opportunity was taken to celebrate the occasion by throwing the vessel open to visitors and no less than 700 guests visited the vessel between noon and 6 p.m.

The vessel was decorated with ensigns and greenery, while the orchestra of the St. Francis Hotel, having arrived by s.s. Empress of Russia during the forenoon, rendered dance music in the forward saloon. Refreshments were served by the management of St. Francis Hotel under the supervision of Mr. Hanning.

The vessel is the late s.s. Ling Nam, ex Field Marshall, ex Feld-Marschal, a steel screw steamer of 6,218 tons gross and 3,748 tons net, built by Reiherat, Schiffwerk of Hamburg in 1908 and engaged by the builders to 768 N.H.P. Her dimensions are length 115.8 feet, beam 50.4 feet and depth 23.1 feet. She has had a varied career and after running to South America under the German flag during her early days, subsequently came under Chinese ownership in Shanghai. Difficulties arose in running and she was held up in Hongkong after the strike of 1925, and action was taken by the master and crew for overdue wages. Put up for auction with a reserve of \$300,000, there were no bidders but at another sale, a Manila firm got the option at \$150,000 but failing to cover the full price, she again went into the market and was taken up by Williamsons who sold out later to the Ho Hong firm. She was then sent down to Singapore, overhauled and re-registered and is now on her maiden trip under the new house flag.

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The Hong Kheng sails for Amoy to-day at noon.

MISSING AIRMAN.

STRANGE REPORTS OF LIGHTS IN THE SKY.

London, Oct. 20. A wireless message from a ship in the Western Atlantic brought news last night that may be connected with the missing British airman, Lieutenant-Commander MacDonald, who left Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, on Wednesday in an attempt to fly the Atlantic in a small Moth aeroplane.

A Lloyd's message from Port-head wireless station states that the following message was received at 6.55 yesterday morning from the steamer Mirach. "Mirach sighted on October 17 at 11.30 in the evening, in 53 degrees 3 minutes North and 48 degrees 42 minutes West, in bearing 180 degrees true, at a big distance, lights most probably resembling an explosion."

The position indicated in the message is about 600 miles east of MacDonald's starting point, and he would have been in that area at half past eleven on Wednesday evening, six and a half hours after he left Newfoundland. There could have been no explosion in his aeroplane then, however, as he was seen at 12.30 on Thursday morning, an hour later, by the Dutch steamer Hardenberg. It is suggested he had already found himself in difficulties, and was throwing out very lights as signals of distress. Such lights dropped from a height would be visible at a great distance. A mysterious point, if this happened, is that he should have been seen flying an hour later, apparently all well.—British Wireless.

Another Report.

London, Oct. 21. There is still no news of Lt. Comdr. MacDonald, who set out to fly the Atlantic from Newfoundland to Britain in a Gipsy Moth aeroplane.

Several passengers and members of the crew of the liner Montclair saw a strange light in the sky at 6.15 on Thursday evening, when the Montclair was 150 miles west of Tory Island, off Donegal, in Ireland. The light dropped from the sky with a streaming tail. Despite persistent queries by his baby son, as to the father's absence, the airman's wife is showing remarkable fortitude. She is a sister of two famous racehorse trainers—S. H. Darling, of Newmarket, and Fred Darling, of Beekhampton.—Reuter.

EXTRALITY AGAIN.

NOTE TO POWERS.

Nanking, Oct. 21. It appears that no special note has been sent to the Powers regarding the relinquishment of extrajurisdiction, but draft treaties have been sent to Belgium, Spain, Denmark and Portugal for their approval.

These contain an article as follows: "Any civil or criminal case arising within the territory of either party, wherein a national of the other party is concerned, shall be tried by the territorial courts in accordance with territorial law," and official circles state that an identical article is in the draft treaties scheduled to be sent to America, Britain, Italy and France.—Reuter.

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NEW YORK TRAGEDY.

MILLIONAIRE'S GRANDSON FALL THIRTEEN STOREYS.

New York, Oct. 21. Benny and Terence Waldman, the two grandsons of the millionaire Benjamin Guggenheim, who went down in the Titanic in 1912, have met with a terrible death, falling down thirteen storeys from a skyscraper.

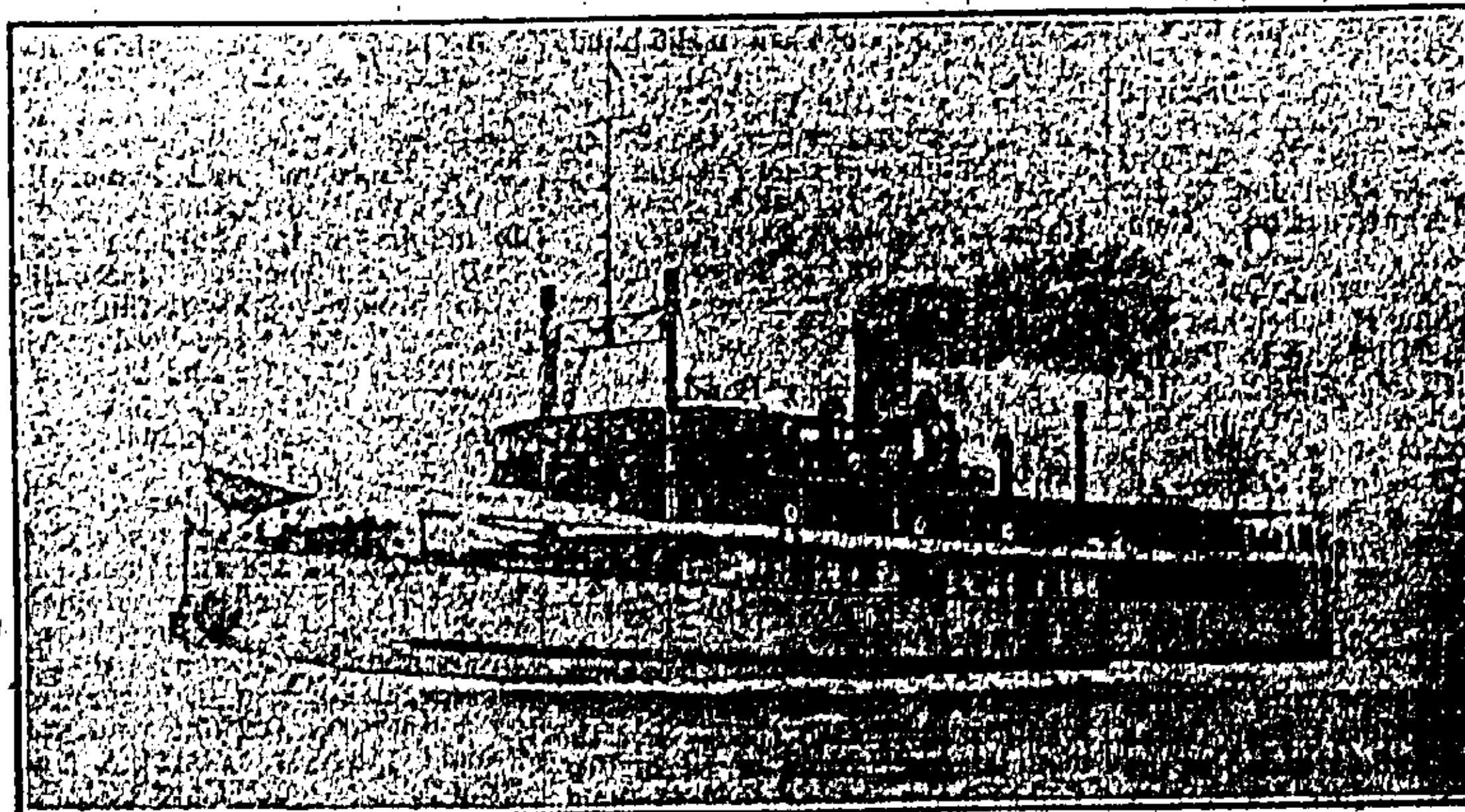
The children were on the roof of the Hotel Surrey, looking down into the city. The mother lifted her younger boy on to the low parapet, and the other boy tugged at her arms in order to be lifted up too, with the result that both toppled over. Their mother fainted when they fell.—Reuter's American Service.

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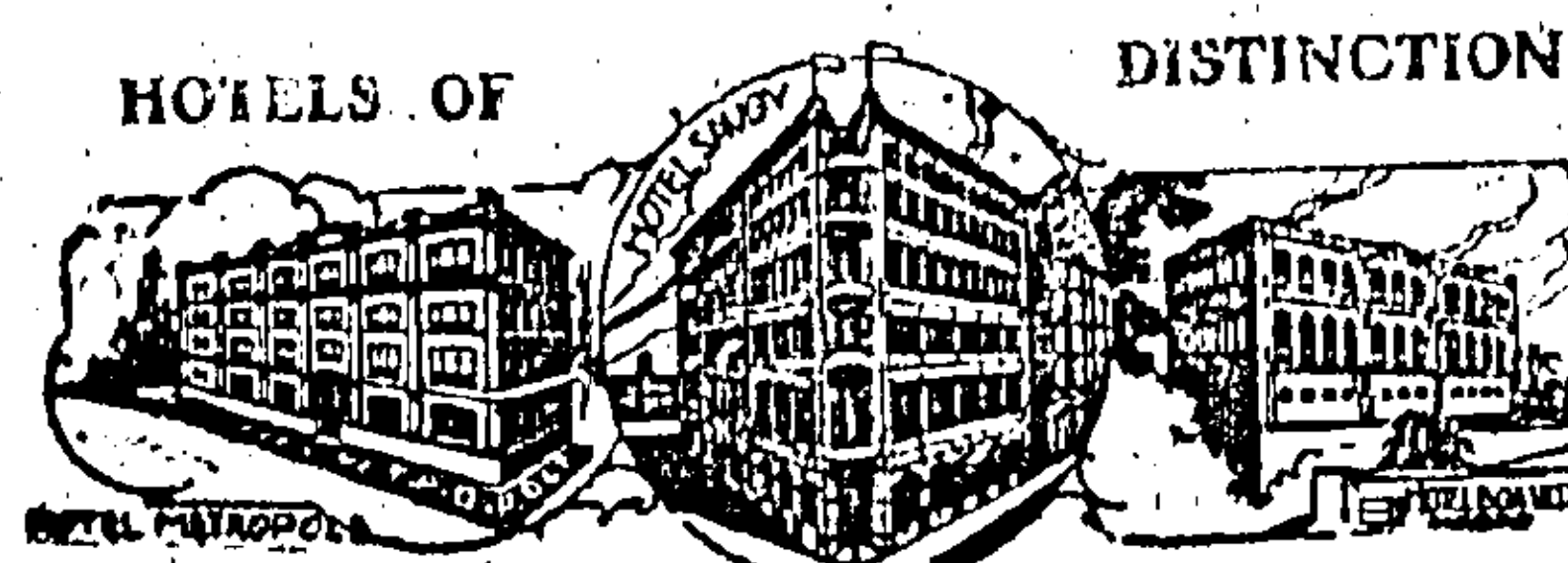
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ROBBERS' HURRIED FLIGHT.

QUEEN'S ROAD INCIDENT THIS MORNING.

SCARED BY ALARM.

Within a stone's throw from the district Police Station, seven men arranged a daring robbery, just before ten o'clock this morning, at a dwelling house at 368, Queen's Road West.

The robbers went on to the first floor, of which a man named Yue is the principal tenant, choosing a moment when he had left the house and the only occupants left behind were the women-folk and a number of children.

The door was, of course, fastened, but a way out of the difficulty was found by the robbers when one of them, who had gone up the stair-case ahead of the others, thought of the dodge of representing himself as an agent of the landlord.

To the subsequent summons, the door was flung open, to admit the seven men. They herded the women and children together into one cubicle, but overlooked a little girl of 13, who, unknown to the robbers, had slipped into the kitchen, where she later screamed out "Save life."

There was soon a chorus of police whistles and the robbers, losing their nerve, fled from the house, making their escape before the arrival of the police from the local station.

At the height of the panic, a terror-stricken young woman with a baby strapped to her back, was seen to poise herself at an upper-floor window for a leap into the street. Spectators in the street who saw the woman at the critical moment, called out to her in order to restrain her. Fortunately, she paid heed to the cry, and withdrew into the house.

NANKING SEEKING LOAN IN U.S.?

(Continued from Page 1.)

subordinate of Marshal Chiang Kai-shek, has decided to relinquish his post of Chairman of the Chekiang Provincial Government. The new chairman will be Mr. Chang Ching-kiang.

According to information derived from Nationalist circles, the State Council has decided to appoint Li Shih-tseng as chairman of the Nanking Reconstruction Committee.

Shanghai, Oct. 21. Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has sent General Chan Ming-shu to Peking to confer with Marshal Yen Hsi-shan and General Pei Chung-hai, on outstanding military problems in North China. General Chan arrived in Peking yesterday morning and was given a warm welcome by representatives of General Pei Chung-hai.

The Royal Observatory reports that the anticyclone over China has weakened and extended to the north-east to the Sea of Japan. A typhoon of depression appears to be situated to the South East to Guam. Fresh to strong monsoon will prevail along the South East coast of China and over the North China Sea.

The forecast till noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds, moderate; Fine.

COMMUNIST RISING AVERTED.

PLOTTERS BUSY IN KWEILIN.

"DOUBLE TENTH" MOVEMENT NIPPED IN BUD.

FEAR OF ROBBERS.

Kweilin, Oct. 13. A Communist rising has been nipped in the bud here.

In the Imperial City, where all public celebrations are carried out, decorations were put up and everything made ready for a great celebration on the "Double Tenth." The first day passed off peacefully enough, but when the time for the lantern parade came there were no students on the streets and proclamations were posted at places requesting all to return home for the parade at night had been called off and no more celebrations would take place because of a telegram that had been received.

City Placarded.

On the morning of the 10th, policemen found the city had been placarded with large posters and many circulars had been distributed during the night. Their slogans were "Down with the Kuomintang," "Down with Wang Shao-hung," "Down with the Nanking Government." These were hastily taken down and all circulars collected.

Spies were sent out in the city and plain clothes men were distributed everywhere to watch events, while soldiers with Mausers were sent out to keep down any excitement.

Two Arrests.

The situation was soon well in hand and trouble was avoided, but two of the ring leaders were arrested the next day. Both are teachers in one of the schools in the city—foreign-dressed individuals but marked as Communists for one had caused much trouble in Peking and the other in Shanghai.

It appears that telegrams had been received regarding the men and it was discovered that they were the leaders of the movement. Twenty-two names are in the hands of the officials of men actively trying to revive the movement here, and it is expected that the Execution grounds will soon resound with China's trouble-makers. General Wang Shao-hung is determined to make this Province first in peace as well as progress.

Big Robber Band.

The city has been somewhat upset because of a band of four hundred robbers who have made their appearance about three days' walk from the city. These Tu Fei are supposed to be part of the followers of Sham Hung-ying.

The Provinces of Kwai-chow, Hunan and Kwangsi have banded together to smash them, but the mountainous section of these Provinces make it very easy for such men to hide.

New Schools.

Kwangsi is surely going forward as a model Province, especially in the establishing of schools. Kweilin City, the largest city in the Province, is overflowing with students. Some of the schools have

SOMME BATTLES RECALLED.

HOW THE GUARDS SUFFERED IN FIGHTING.

CROSS DEDICATED.

London, Oct. 21. The granite cross which has been erected at Les Boeufs, on the Somme, in place of the wooden cross which was placed there after the big battles at Les Boeufs and Ginchy in September, 1916, was unveiled this morning in the presence of 130 officers and men of the Guards Division.

Major-General Sir Geoffrey Fielding, who commanded the Guards Division in the Somme battles recalled the history of the fighting in this sector, emphasising the terrible nature of the battles, owing to the gigantic defence works which the Germans had built up, and told how no less than 230 officers and 7,000 Guardsmen died.

At the conclusion of the unveiling ceremony the Mayor of Ginchy accepted the memorial on behalf of his community.

The Rev. Pat. MacCormick, Rector of St. Martins-in-the-Fields, London, blessed the memorial.

General the Earl of Cavan laid a wreath on behalf of H.M. the King, and other wreaths were deposited by Lieutenant-Colonel Latham on behalf of the Prince of Wales, by Colonel Seymour for the Duke of Connaught and by officers of each of the Guards Regiments. —British Wireless.

COVERED COURT FINAL

JEAN BOROTRA DEFEATS CROLE REES.

London, Oct. 20. At Queen's Club, in the British covered courts championship final, Jean Borotra beat Crole Rees, 4-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.
Higgs, the holder, did not compete. Mrs. Godfree beat Miss Bennett, 6-1, 6-2.—Reuter.

started co-education, but it is not all that it seems, for one of the head teachers has been put in prison for life and many of the girls have been expelled. It is said that these schools where the boys and girls study together are simply rank with "New Freedom" and immorality.

We have also another school that is unique in its character for it trains automobile mechanics. There are over eighty in this school, but they have as the head teacher a wireless operator and there is no car to use in the training of these men, yet they are graduated after several months' study!

Fine Roads. The city wall here is now being torn down and the stone and earth used for the modern automobile roads. The northern highway, which already has gone a distance of several hundred li, is connected by a beautiful and fine road going around the city from the North Gate to the South Gate. Marvels have actually been done in this respect. The Southern highway has already reached Pao Hsien, within a few hours from Wuchow, and the road to Wuchow will be completed within a month or so. The long and tedious horseboat trip to the beautiful City of Kweilin will then be made within a day.—Our Own Correspondent.

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